



## Ardella B. Wilmes

May 7, 1924 - July 8, 2023

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Ardella B. Wilmes, age 99, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at 4:23 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Ardella was born in Mariah Hill, Indiana, on May 7, 1924, to John and Theresia (Gogel) Daunhauer. She married Urban L. Wilmes on July 30, 1946, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in Mariah Hill, Indiana. He preceded her in death on December 25, 2012.

She was a homemaker and had retired from being a seamstress.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, where she was a Eucharistic Minister and sacristan, Jasper D of I, St. Ann's, V.F.W. Auxiliary, the Grandmother's Club, and the RSVP Club.

She received the Evansville Catholic Diocese's Brute Award. She helped with many fundraising events, and was a volunteer for many years at the nursing homes, the Senior Center and for the Red Cross Blood Drives.

Ardella was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who

loved and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was an excellent cook, loved to garden and her flowers, and creating crafts, including needlework, quilting, and crocheting and loved sharing and gifting her handiwork to others. She was also an avid Cardinals fan and enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

Surviving are two daughters, Becky (Mike) Dougherty, Strongsville, OH, Nancy (Doug) Lee, Noblesville, IN, three sons, Donald (Heather Green) Wilmes, Glen Burnie, MD, Steve (Becky) Wilmes, West End, NC, and Kerry Wilmes, Jasper, IN, five grandchildren, two step grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death besides her husband are seven sisters, Rose Bitzer, Phyllis Dilger, Vernie Bettag, Agnes Schue, Cornelia Boehman, Lenora Heilers, and Bernida Jochim, and three brothers, Thomas, Paul, and Clarence Daunhauer.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ardella B. Wilmes will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. The Jasper D of I will pray a rosary at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Jasper, Indiana, or to the wishes of the family.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Northwood Good Samaritan and the ICU at Memorial Hospital for their outstanding care for our mom.

Condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
[email@becherkluesner.com](mailto:email@becherkluesner.com)

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ So sorry about the loss of your sweet mother. Thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.

Kathy Hedinger Atkns - July 25, 2023 at 12:02 PM

PZ

“ Ardella was the Most Humble, Most Beautiful, Most Caring, and Most Talented person I ever knew. God Bless the whole Family.  
Estella Kreilein

Patricia Zanelli - July 13, 2023 at 08:54 PM

LK

“ Ardella was a lifelong friend. She was the perfect example of humility and charity to so many. She was also incredibly talented as a seamstress and homemaker. What an amazing roll model to all of us to be humble and kind. Nancy and family as much as you are hurting now, we hope you also celebrate what a great life lived. Now you have an Angel shining down. And she and Urban can be together again. Sending love and hugs and there with you in spirit.

Linda Kristoff - July 11, 2023 at 02:46 AM

NT

Ardella was one of the sweetest ladies I ever had the privilege of knowing! I had the pleasure of calling her for over 20 years with prayer requests through the St. Joseph Prayer Line Ministry. Our conversations became ones I looked forward to. She always offered words of wisdom and faith, and each conversation ended with, “and take care of yourself Nancy!” May Ardella rest in peace!

Nancy Teder - July 11, 2023 at 08:55 AM

DB

“ *Arella was a great lady and a wonderful neighbor. I am sure she has entered the pearly gates.*



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**Donna Buehler** - July 10, 2023 at 08:07 PM

JY

“ *Growing up, Mrs Wilmes was always sincere and caring towards me and all the neighborhood kids! Always with words of encouragement, Mrs Wilmes truly wished and hoped the best for all of us. On behalf of my family, we feel we were blessed by Ardella's presence in our life and she will be missed! Our prayers to the family.* 🙏🙏

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**Jeff Young** - July 10, 2023 at 06:18 PM

JS

“ *Arellano was a really good lady. She liked to talk to everyone up here at assistant living. She new a lot of people that she talked about. She enjoyed watching the animals on t.v. In the morning at breakfast time. She and I shared a lot of good memories S he will be deeply missed by everyone up here. Prayers go out to her family and loved ones.* 🙏



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**Janre Schroeder** - July 10, 2023 at 12:43 PM

SH

“ *What a precious lady. Always so caring & spiritual. She made us a handmade tapestry for our wedding present in 2002. I always think of her when I look at it. I will always cherish it & the memories of her*



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**Shirley Harter** - July 10, 2023 at 12:09 PM

HV

“ *HELEN A VONDERHEIDE lit a candle in memory of Ardella B. Wilmes*



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**HELEN A VONDERHEIDE** - July 10, 2023 at 10:58 AM

BL

*Ardella was the softest and kindest lady I have ever met. We were Eucharistic ministers together at the Timbers for many years. We also visited together on her rocking chairs on her front porch. She is a gift to all of us. I am sorry for your loss and celebrate a full life for Ardella .. Now she is with Jesus and Urban again.*

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**Bev Luegers** - July 11, 2023 at 09:23 AM

CW

*What a blessing to know her! Fly high, Ardella!*

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**connie werner** - July 11, 2023 at 02:41 PM

SW

*My mom and dad and I lived upstairs when I was a baby, so I don't remember that, but later on, whenever she saw us, she was also so kind and friendly! I will always remember what a sweet, soft spoken lady she was! So sorry for your loss!*

*Tom Vollmer and Sandy (Vollmer) Wehr*

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**Sandy Wehr** - July 11, 2023 at 04:50 PM

BM

*First met Ardella as a seamstress for a couple dresses for my daughters. Her daughter Becky was in my class. We talked of her often as later in life before Covid I picked her up every month for Grandmothers Club We sat and talked after every meeting. She also visited my mom when she was in the nursing home there. Such a kind lady.*

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**Barbara Mehringer** - July 16, 2023 at 08:42 PM