



Bernita M. Berger

March 2, 1940 - October 1, 2025

Bernita M. Berger, age 85, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at her home.

Bernita was born on March 2, 1940, to Emil and Amelia (Ebert) Laake. She married Harvey M. Berger on June 21, 1962 in St. Ferdinand Catholic Church.

She was a 1958 graduate from St. Ferdinand.

In her younger years, she dedicated her life to raising her children. At the age of 80, she retired from Springs Valley Bank and Trust after over 30 years of service.

Bernita was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St Anne's Society, the Daughter's of Isabella, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Jasper German Club, and the Jasper City Park Board. She was a dedicated Jasper Band parent when her children were in high school.

Bernita was the matriarch of the family, known for her gift of entertaining and making everyone feel welcome. Her home was the heart of family gatherings, where her amazing food, recipes, and beautiful presentations became cherished traditions. Holidays were especially memorable under her care, as she poured her heart into every detail, creating moments her family will never

forget. To her siblings, nieces, and nephews, and extended family, she was not only the eldest of five children, but also the legend who set the standard for what it meant to celebrate life, treasure family, and live it to the fullest.

Bernita is survived by her husband of 63 years, Harvey Berger, Jasper; three daughters: Jane (Tom) Betz, Jasper; Ann (John) Theil, Jasper; Karen (Jeff) Tabor, Carmel; eight grandchildren: Kyle (Meredith) Betz, Ryan (Demi) Betz, Adam Betz, Elizabeth (Caleb) Begle, Grant Theil, Caroline Theil, Luke Tabor and Sam Tabor, six great-grandchildren, one brother, Dennis (Kathy) Laake, and one sister, Eileen Wright.

She is preceded in death by two brothers: David and Patrick Laake.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Bernita M. Berger will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Funeral Home. A rosary will be prayed at 2:30 p.m. prior to the visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Jane Buechler Harrahill lit a candle in memory of Bernita M. Berger*



Jane Buechler Harrahill - October 06, 2025 at 08:21 PM

DL

“ *Donna Linette lit a candle in memory of Bernita M. Berger*



Donna Linette - October 06, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DF

“ *Jane, Ann & Entire family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathies. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Deb & Dennis Frieler

Debbie Frieler - October 06, 2025 at 02:02 PM

TP

“ *Ann & the entire family,
John & I extend our deepest sympathies.
Please know that you all will be in our
thoughts & prayers as you go through this
difficult time.*

Tami (Heim) Powers



Tami (Heim) Powers - October 04, 2025 at 03:04 PM

DB

“ Jan and I what to extend our sympathy to Harvey and the family. I enjoyed working with Bernita during my time at SVBT and the many service projects we participated in as SVBT employees. May she rest in peace.

Darrell and Jan Blocker

Darrell Blocker - October 03, 2025 at 07:30 PM

JB

“ Prayers and sympathy, to family & Friends. Old friend when SVB&T, first open the Jasper office. Respect 🙏

James Birkle - October 03, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Bernita was an excellent a supportive band parent through all three girls' experiences in band. I remember may occasions of comradery with Harvey and Bernita. As much as she was an important band parent I remember as much as that her warm greeting when I entered the Springs Valley Bank. She made it fun every time I had to bank. She will be missed. Prayers to the family.

Glenn Weil - October 03, 2025 at 07:37 AM

AH

“ Eileen So sorry to hear of your sister passing. Prayers for all

Ann Hostetter - October 03, 2025 at 05:00 AM

SS

“ Jane I am so sorry to see this!! Hugs and prayers for all!



Sandy S Schitter - October 03, 2025 at 01:01 AM



“ Blessings as you mourn the death of your mother. Cherish all her memories. I believe your many traits are like hers. Know of my prayers

Vivian Seaman - October 03, 2025 at 12:03 AM

MS

“ Sorry for the loss of your mother. Karen. May you find comfort and peace in knowing she is at peace. 🙏💕😊

Maryrose Schellenberger - October 02, 2025 at 09:22 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to the entire Berger family.



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - October 02, 2025 at 08:46 PM

KE

“ Prayers for the family. Carla and Karen Erny



Karen Erny - October 02, 2025 at 08:44 PM

MS

“ Mark Stanfield lit a candle in memory of
Bernita M. Berger



Mark Stanfield - October 02, 2025 at 07:38 PM

CJ

“ Chris, Kim, Maddy, And Abby Jones lit a
candle in memory of Bernita M. Berger



Chris, Kim, Maddy, and Abby Jones - October 02, 2025 at 04:26 PM