



## Betty J. Kempf

September 6, 1939 - November 8, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Betty Jean (Hochgesang) Kempf, daughter of Lawrence and Clarissa Hochgesang, was born on September 6, 1939 and went to her Heavenly home on November 8, 2020. She lived 81 years of joy, faith and giving. Betty leaves behind her loving husband, Eugene. They would have been married 63 years on November 28.

Betty and Gene raised eight kids, four sons and four daughters: Eugene (Sheila), Donna (John) Krampe, Geralynn (Charlie) Smalling, William (Shellia), Mark (Ellen), Gary, Lisa (Jon) Hubers, Jill (Tim) Oeding. Betty's legacy also includes 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Betty will be remembered by her sister, Shirley (Clarence) Rottet and her sister-in-law and life-long friend, Sue (Charlie) Kempf. She was preceded in death by her parents Clarissa and Lawrence Hochgesang.

Betty and Gene loved to travel. They traveled the United States from coast to coast, Alaska and Germany, twice. Family vacations were a yearly event. It was important to them that their children experience the beauty our country has to offer. One hot summer July day they loaded the station wagon with all eight kids, clothes and food. They all drove to the Southwest for two weeks

exploring. Yes, that was 10 people, 1 car, 2 weeks, thousands of miles with no air conditioner and many fond memories.

Camping, fishing and cards were a favorite pastime for Betty. Gene and Betty belonged to the Hoosier Campers Club. She loved playing cards and sharing meals with her friends. She especially loved her dear camping friend, Johanna Vaal. Their meeting in Heaven must have been a beautiful sight.

In addition to her 8 children, Betty helped raise dozens of other children as a childcare provider for over 40 years. She had fond memories for all the children that were entrusted into her care but had a special relationship with Andrea, Michelle, Joe, and especially Adam Hedinger.

Betty was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be missed by many. Betty will also be missed by her sweet dog, Coco.

The love and care provided by Michelle and Denise from Kindred Hospice is deeply appreciated. Betty was able to stay at home surrounded by her family until the very end because of these wonderful ladies.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, IN or Sacred Heart Church Cemetery in Schnellville, IN.

Private visitation and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church with burial in the Sacred Heart Church Cemetery in Schnellville, Indiana. The Mass will be live streamed at <http://www.holyfamilyjasper.com/>

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

# Cemetery Details

## **Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery**

2504 Walnut Street  
Schnellville, IN 47580

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty J. Kempf*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Kempf family for Betty's passing.*

**Jim and Paula Peter** - November 17, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *It was always an adventure when we got to visit our Jasper cousins. Betty was always cheerful, sweet and fun to talk to. I was always amazed at how she could take care of 8 children. Prayers and virtual hugs for you all.*

**Kathy Block Baker** - November 12, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *We are so, so sad to hear about Betty's death. She has a beautiful family, and had a beautiful life. I am forever grateful for all of the babysitting you all did for me when my kids were little. She truly helped her kids learn about how to manage that. We had a nice neighborhood.*

**Debra Wickman** - November 12, 2020 at 09:15 AM

MM

“ Gene and Family So sorry to hear about passing. It has been months since I had visited due to the virus. Betty was a wonderful woman and a great person. She will be missed. God bless her and all of you. Mary and Ed Merkley



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**Mary Merkley** - November 11, 2020 at 06:22 PM

EB

“ Recalling all the times we had together makes me smile. Betty was always cheerful and smiling and she always laughed at my lame jokes. she will truly be missed. Gene and I are first cousins but seems more like we are brothers. I am so sorry for your loss and our deepest sympathy to the whole family. God speed Betty to your heavenly home.

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**Ernie and MaryAnn Block** - November 11, 2020 at 02:41 PM

DW

“ I have so many memories visiting your house when we were young. This picture is exactly how I remember her. She was always smiling and so kind. As we got older, fun and easy to talk to. A very caring woman!  
I'm sorry for your loss. I know She will be missed.  
Diane (Block) Wannemuehler

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**Diane Wannemuehler** - November 11, 2020 at 10:21 AM

LH

“ i remember visiting a few years ago and Aunt Betty and Uncle Eugene took us to their favorite spot in a park where Aunt Betty would call to the deer and throw them corn. She just enjoyed that so much and it was fun to do that with them. Another fond memory is years ago my parents and I visited and they all were gathered around the kitchen table for hours to talking about the family history. Then movie Dirty Dancing came on and also Starman was on in the living room and I remember some of us being engrossed in the movies while listening to their lively discussions about the family tree, and their visiting Germany. Memorable and endearing.

Linda Horton - November 10, 2020 at 06:20 PM

RH

“ Gene and Family,  
So very sorry for the loss of your lovely Wife Betty. Missed seeing both of you at the Habig Center Bingos, and at our daughters high school graduation party. May you find comfort in knowing that prayers are being said for Her and your Family. Your Co-Worker.....  
Jay & Rosie Henriott

Rosie Henriott - November 10, 2020 at 03:05 PM

RH

“ Rosie Henriott lit a candle in memory of Betty  
J. Kempf



Rosie Henriott - November 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM

SH

“ I remember all the cool birthday parties we went to as neighbors growing up. Fun times.



Sally (Wickman) Hackmann - November 09, 2020 at 07:41 PM

DG

“ Betty was such a great friend and neighbor! We will cherish the fond memories of the times we spent together. May she Rest In Peace!

We will miss her. With love and prayers.  
Rosie and Dave Gutsell

Dave Gutsell - November 09, 2020 at 12:42 PM

AG

Aunt Betty was always cheerful and laughing. Talking with her always lifted my spirits. I remember visiting their chicken farm and fishing playing with my cousins growing up. Such wonderful memories. And a large family that was close and taking care of each other and happy. What a wonderful legacy. I will miss you Aunt Betty and appreciate your kindness and the joy you brought.  
Anna

Anna Hart Gunther - November 11, 2020 at 03:03 PM

RB

We have such fond memories of Gene and Betty. We will always remember Betty laughing and her genuine interest in each of us. We are so very sorry for your loss, Gene and family. Your are in our prayers and we will cherish the memories of Betty.

Randy and Pam Block - November 11, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JS

*My dear friend and class mate you will be missed. Remember our good times together and even though we were apart by miles when we came home we always saw each other. Prayers for Gene and family and may you my friend rest in The Lords peace*

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**Janice Stemle Schenk** - November 15, 2020 at 02:36 PM