



Clara Mae Braunecker

December 19, 1927 - November 28, 2024

Clara Mae Braunecker, age 96, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, November 28, 2024 at home surrounded by family.

Clara Mae was born in Ireland, Indiana, December 19, 1927, to the late Anton and Margaret (Lampert) Gress. She married Leonard Braunecker July 26, 1947, and they were married 44 years when he preceded her in death in 1991.

In her younger years , Clara Mae worked on her family's farm. She graduated from Ireland High School and took a job as a nanny in Louisville. Clara Mae and her husband moved back to her family's farm after the early passing of her mother to help raise her seven younger siblings while starting her own family. She and her husband started a poultry-layer farm business alongside, in 1962, the start-up of Shamrock Cabinets .

Clara was the matriarch of her family and employees. She enjoyed working at Shamrock Cabinets where in her later years she continued to hand out paychecks, cut staining rags, cleaned stain buckets, cleaned the breakroom and office for the employees, and picking up the company mail at the Ireland post office.

Clara Mae was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ireland Home

Economics Club, The German Club and St. Anne's Society. She enjoyed attending the Ireland Historical Society meetings and events. Clara Mae served as honorary mayor for the St. Patrick's celebration in Ireland.

She is survived by four children, Jackie Braunecker (Clive Williams) Jasper; Gayle Davis, Plainfield; Jeff (Julie) Braunecker, Jasper; Stacy (Dan) Smith, Stendal; and son-in-law Dennis Wickman; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Wilfred Gress; and two sisters, Mitzi Lanham and Diane Buechlein.

She is preceded in death by three daughters, Karen and Jill Braunecker, Debra Wickman, and one son and daughter-in-law Mark and Sarah Braunecker; three brothers, Lee Albert, Richard, Virgil Gress, and one sister Naomi Gress.

A Mass of Christian burial for Clara Mae Braunecker will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 6, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. mass time at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4071

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2829 N 500 W
Ireland, IN

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Jackie, Sorry about your loss of your mom. Hug to you and yours.
Laura

Laura Henderson - December 04, 2024 at 08:37 PM

BN

“ Loved your momand all of you. Your mom was a wonderful lady... always cheerful and ready to do more. She made the most of her 96 years...almost 97. We know she will be missed...but also leaves us with fond memories....she will always be in our hearts. Blessings and peace to each of you.

Beth (Buening) and Tom Noppenberger - December 04, 2024 at 11:35 AM

CM

“ She was a hard working women. I worked at shamrock cabinets for 7 years, saw her work every day.

Christina Montgomery - December 01, 2024 at 07:36 PM

ER

“ Very sorry to hear of Clara's passing. She was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers to the family.



Eric Rowe - December 01, 2024 at 06:36 PM

KF

“ Sending our condolences to Sally & family.
What an amazing and beautiful person she
was!



Kate Fish - December 01, 2024 at 02:21 PM

JE

“ The dearest and most loving neighbor you could ever want. Her and
Leonard were like another set of grandparents to our girls. So
thankful for them! They were truly loved and will be dearly missed.
Rich & Jeanie Eckert

Jeanie Eckert - December 01, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MS

“ Mark J Schulte lit a candle in memory of Clara
Mae Braunecker



Mark J Schulte - December 01, 2024 at 10:50 AM

CS

“ Blessing to you all. Clara Mae is now at peace with the Lord. May
your memories of and with her continue to carry her spirit with each
of you. She will be missed although never far in the mind and heart.

Mark and Carol Schroering.

Carol Schroering - December 01, 2024 at 09:28 AM

AG

Stacy and families, So sorry to here of your mother's passing. What a hard working woman all her life. She will be blessed, and is at peace. Prayers. Alice and Joe Garland

Alice Garland - December 02, 2024 at 08:27 PM