



Dolores Ann Roach

August 12, 1934 - April 13, 2025

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Dolores Ann Roach, age 90, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at home surrounded by family.

Dolores was born in Ragsdale, Indiana, on August 12, 1934, to Robert and Hazel (McCool) McGary. She married Erwin LeRoy Roach on December 19, 1954, at Asbury Chapel in Ragsdale, Indiana. He preceded her in death on March 10, 2003.

She was a graduate of Bruceville High School in Bruceville, Indiana.

She was a homemaker and worked outside of the home and did a lot of volunteer work mainly at the Patoka Valley Center, where she worked from its inception until its closing. The center was a place for brain injured children, and Dolores cared for those children as her own.

She was a Brownie/Girl Scout/Cadet Scout Leader during the 1970s. She also had worked at Memorial Hospital in Jasper in the OB department. Most recently, until her retirement she had worked at Big Lots in Jasper, Indiana,

where she had become a Customer Service Manager.

She attended the First Nazarene Church in Jasper.

Dolores enjoyed reading, doing puzzles, baking, making various Christmas candies, and spending time with her family, grandchildren, and friends.

Dolores also loved ice cream, and she was never known to turn down a bowl!

Surviving are one daughter, Belinda (Jeff) Carter, Dimondale, MI, one son, John (Nancy) Roach, Jasper, IN, nine grandchildren, Carrie, Renae, Angela, Wayne, Bethany, Alicia, Kevin, Nikki, and Jonathan, 15 great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her husband, are one son, David (Carol Stemle) Roach, one granddaughter, Rachel Nicole Roach, two sisters, Dorothy Kixmiller and Georgia Whetstine and two brothers, Robert McGary JR. and Ray McGary.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to her daughter-in-law, Nancy Roach, who has been her exceptional caregiver for the past few years.

A funeral service for Dolores Roach will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow at Asbury Chapel Cemetery in Ragsdale, Indiana. Pastor Wesley Sampson will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity in Dolores' honor. Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Asbury Chapel Cemetery

Ragsdale, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
3221 N. Newton Street
Jasper, IN 47546
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Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember when I was a little girl and Dolores had opened the donut hut and I remember being able to go back in the back and watch her make the donuts sometimes it was very interesting experience and learned a lot about that trade. It's a memory I always have kept fresh in my mind!

I remember her no nonsense demeanor, and common sense reasoning She was one of my favorite people to talk to while I was growing up.



Sherry - April 17, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CT

“ Curt & Dorothy Tyler lit a candle in memory of Dolores Ann Roach



Curt & Dorothy Tyler - April 17, 2025 at 06:56 PM

BW

“ Hello John & Belinda,
You surely must know that I love your mother so very much!
We used to have so much fun.
Mom, Dorothy, Dolores and I wanted to spend a lot of time together,
writing out the stories of their lives in Ragsdale.
I was your Mom & Dad's flower girl. I remember that very well.
Like your Mother, I thought LeRoy was the handsomest man, I had
ever seen.
You are both so lucky to have them as your parents.
Dolores always made me laugh - laugh a lot!
We both enjoyed poetry, and shared poems that we loved.
We also shared a love for puzzles.
You are the people that you are today, because of them.
Dolores once brought a 7 layer salad to one of Grandma's picnics,
and I still make that salad, quite often.
Pody, (Joanne Showers) and I recently shared a lot of our thoughts
and memories of her. I enjoyed that conversation.
Chris told me how she died, and I am so happy that she passed so
naturally.
I am also happy that you both were able to be with her.
What a blessing!
I love you both.
You know that.
Barbie

Barbara Whetstine - April 16, 2025 at 12:18 AM

BW

*That is a very well written obituary for Dolores.
I do not know who wrote it, but it is excellent!*

Barbara Whetstine - April 16, 2025 at 12:23 AM

BW

O.K. I have thought of a couple of stories that I want to share. For several years, the Roach family lived at the Boy Scout Camp. I remember visiting with my Mom and all of us kids. One time, Mom and Dolores nearly burned the camp down. It was a comedy of errors. We all laughed about how it all happened, after the shock of it all, wore down.

Another story I want to share is about when we visited, when the Roaches lived in Seymour.

My Mom and Dolores were talking and laughing in the kitchen. I had been watching their tv, and I had not changed the channel.

After awhile, I came into the kitchen and asked Dolores if she watched the soap opera that I had seen. Dolores said, "Yes." I then said, "Well they just said that the soap was not going to be shown any more."

So, I had to spend a lot of time, explaining to Dolores, all that I had just seen on the very last day of her soap.

I find that very funny, too.

It was always fun around Dolores.

Dolores's love of ice cream probably came from being at Grandma's and making ice cream. We usually did that. I remember cranking the handles on the ice cream churn. We were a big family, so we made a lot of ice cream.

Barbie

Barbara Whetstine - April 16, 2025 at 03:11 AM

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“*Dear Belinda and John,
Aunt Dolores was such a kind and caring person, and I know she touched a lot of lives. I'll always cherish the memory of her.
May you find comfort in knowing her spirit lives on, and that this is not goodbye—only until we meet again in God's eternal light.
Wishing you peace, strength, and the gentle presence of divine love.*

*With deepest sympathy and cherished memories,
Pody*

Joanne Showers (Whetstine) - April 15, 2025 at 03:41 AM

MS

“ *Mark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Dolores Ann Roach*



Mark Schulte - April 14, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MW

“ *Great grandma we love you and we will miss you so incredibly much what an amazing long and beautiful life you lived rest peacefully angel* ❤️



Mackenzie Wells - April 14, 2025 at 02:52 PM

JS

So sweet

Joanne Showers - April 15, 2025 at 03:42 AM