



Juanita E. Hembree

March 14, 1931 - April 14, 2026

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Juanita E. Hembree, age 95, of Loogootee, Indiana, entered eternal rest at 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, surrounded by family at Serenity Springs nursing facility in Jasper, Indiana.

She was born on March 14, 1931, to Ludwig and Arnetta (Harder) Popp on the family farm near Portersville. She attended Portersville and Haysville grade schools and Dubois High School.

She married Radus Glen Hembree on June 30, 1953, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church where they were both members. He preceded her in death on August 4, 2023.

She worked in her early years at stores and restaurants in the Haysville area. The rest of her life she was a devoted wife and mother to her family.

She loved cooking, gardening, music, flowers, and especially her family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She is survived by a son, Duane Ray Hembree, Loogootee, IN, a daughter, Denise Renee (J.W.) Berry, Decker, IN, grandson, Derek (Amanda) Johnson, Loogootee, IN, granddaughter, Kierstin (Luke) Bapple, Cedar Lake, IN, step-grandson, Josh (Sarah) Berry, Decker, IN, step-granddaughter, Brooke (Regis) Billings, Cookeville, TN great grandchildren, Emma (Maddie), Katlyn, and Colten Johnson, step great-grandchildren, Oliver and Mason Berry, and Blakely, Ryker, Remi and Rhys Billings, several nieces and nephews, and her sister-in-law, Margie Popp, Haysville, IN.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Radus, her parents, one son, Kurt Lee Hembree, step-grandchildren, Caden Berry and Briley Billings, brothers, Junior Popp, John (Grace) Popp, and a sister, Gladys Popp.

A funeral service for Juanita E. Hembree will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Pastor Timothy Holt will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville or to a favorite charity.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Cemetery Haysville, IN

Haysville

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
556 West Haysville Rd.
Haysville, IN

Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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556 West Haysville Rd.
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Tribute Wall

KM

“ I had the amazing honor of getting to know Juanita. She became like a surrogate grandmother to me. I loved her dearly and she will be missed daily.

Kristarae Merder - April 17 at 06:38 PM

MC

“ We're so sorry for the loss of your mom. We know how much she meant to you, and our hearts are with you during this difficult time. She was such a thoughtful and kind person, and she became a special part of our memories. Rest peacefully, aunt Juanita — you will be dearly missed. Please know we're holding you and your family close in our thoughts.



Michelle & Kevin Crouse - April 16 at 05:44 PM

DH

“ Juanita was always like a second Mother to me. She treated me just like one of her own! So sorry that I couldn't have stopped and visited more. I miss her and Radius a lot. I remember all the times we were working hard in the hayfield and she would always bring us lemonade and homemade sandwiches! Best in the world! RIP.
David Hembree

David Hembree - April 15 at 01:40 PM

MS

So very sorry for your loss.

Mike and Trudy Sutton - April 15 at 10:23 PM

NJ

Sorry for your loss Duane, Denise and families. Michael and Nancy Jones

Nancy Jones - April 16 at 08:44 AM



Sorry for your loss Duane and Denise. I have known your Mom and Dad all my life. I can't remember life without them on the hill when I passed by. They are missed already and always will be. I know they are with my Mom and Dad, and our other loved ones in Heaven now, with peace and happiness with our Lord. God bless you both. Chester Hembree Sr.

Chester Hembree Sr. - April 17 at 03:19 AM