



## Lila M. Buechler

October 11, 1932 - March 20, 2026

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Lila M. Buechler, age 93, of St. Anthony, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 11:43 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana.

Lila was born in Jasper, Indiana, on October 11, 1932, to Lawrence and Mathilda (Sermersheim) Lechner. She married John Buechler on July 5, 1952, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, and he preceded her in death on October 29, 1988.

She was a homemaker and was a babysitter for several years.

She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish – St. Anthony Catholic Church, Christian Mothers, American Legion Post #493 Auxiliary, and a past member of the St. Anthony Community Center.

Lila enjoyed mowing her lawn, country music, dancing, travelling, and spending time with her family.

Surviving are five children, Sheila Hoppenjans, Ferdinand, IN, Sherry (Kevin)

Fischer, St. Anthony, IN, Joe (Kateri) Buechler, Ferdinand, IN, Sue Griggs, and companion, Sam Partida, Cape Coral, FL, and Jay Buechler, St. Anthony, IN, eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and one great grandchild on the way, many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her husband, are one son-in-law, David Hoppenjans, one grandson, Larry Dennis Griggs, Jr., five sisters, Alberta Renner, Bernie Schnell, Delores Schuler, Geanie Hasenour, and Patricia "Pat" Weisheit, and four brothers, Wilfred, Edward, Tom, and Donnie Lechner.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lila M. Buechler will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Divine Mercy parish will pray the rosary at 3:40 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Divine Mercy Parish or to the Dubois County Humane Society.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anthony of Padua Church Cemetery

4444 Ohio Street  
St. Anthony, IN 47575

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 25. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
4444 Ohio Street  
St. Anthony, IN 47575

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
4444 Ohio Street  
St. Anthony, IN 47575



# Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Sherry, so sorry about your mother. It's hard to let go of someone that you love. Cherish your good times together. Prayers coming for you and your whole family.* ”

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**Martha Woodward** - March 24 at 05:44 PM

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“ To the Lila Buechler children and family:

*I was so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I am happy that Lila was able to live a lengthy life. Growing up next door to Lila and John in St. Marks, she and John were such a constant and comforting presence and next-door neighbor in our lives. She was an encouraging person who began conversations with me and our family anytime we were working on our potato and tomato crops in our garden next to her / your house.*

*Lila and John were family to us and my middle name is Henry after Uncle Henry Buechler. From my earliest memories through my teenage years, seeing her at home or at church each week felt like part of the rhythm of life.*

*Lila had a quiet kindness and warmth that made a lasting impression on me, even as a child. Sharing those years in such a close-knit community, and worshipping together at the same church, are memories I will always carry with me. In fact, Lila and John insisted once that I act as Santa Claus at your home when I was still in high school. Let's just say you kids were probably embarrassed for me.*

*Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in the love she gave so freely and in the many lives she touched over the years.*

*With deepest sympathy, Arnold H. [Arnie] Brames*

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**ARNOLD H. BRAMES [Arnie]** - March 24 at 03:24 PM

SH

“ Sherry & family, we are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Sue & Paul Habig*

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**Sue Habig** - March 23 at 01:26 PM

EG

“ I didn't really get to know Lila personally, but I had two of her children as students in my math class. She raised some very fine young people, and they are products of the values she held in her own life. She will be greatly missed by the family she loved. My sincere condolences.

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**Edward & Sandra Gudorf** - March 23 at 12:51 PM

SG

*Thank you Ed and Sandy ☐*

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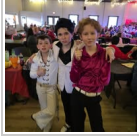
**Susan Griggs** - March 23 at 04:27 PM

JM

*We are so sorry for your loss lila Will be missed God bless her*

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**Jerry & Bertha L Merkley** - March 23 at 06:16 PM



“ Aunt Lila was one of the sweetest people you could ever know! My mom and I just saw her this past December when I came up to visit family and before that at the Lechner family reunion! I am so glad we went to that family reunion because Aunt Lila got to see my kids, Samantha and Franklin. Aunt Lila loved hearing about what they did and do! When I was younger, my Grandma Delores Schuler and my mom Karen would always take me up to Aunt Lila's House in the summers to visit! I always loved going up there because it was so much fun to play and run outside! There were also times Aunt Lila would watch me and my sister Lisa because Grandma and my mom had to do things and if you didn't listen, Aunt Lila knew how to set you straight. I am forever grateful for all the times we shared and got to visit! I am also so happy she got to see my kids recently and even when we weren't able to be there, she always asked my mom how we all were doing! I remember Aunt Lila loved doing quilting bees with my Grandma Schuler and all her sisters. I remember all of them coming over to Grandma Schuler's to work on those quilts. It was always so much fun to be around extended family. Her whole family are in our thoughts and prayers!



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**Victoria Runyon** - March 22 at 02:50 PM

KV

“ Lila wasn't just someone my father in law cared for, she became part of our family's story. The way she played with the kids, remembered their little quirks, and celebrated their smallest victories showed a heart full of love. We miss Lila more than words can say. Prayers to Lila's family during this difficult time.

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**Kit Vollmer** - March 21 at 02:02 PM

SG



Susan Griggs - March 23 at 04:28 PM

KV

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Kit Vollmer - March 21 at 01:59 PM

SH

Thanks for sharing Kit❤️. I had never seen these pictures. So glad that Mom got the chance to travel with your Dad. I know she thought a lot of you all!! You all were so good to her and included her in your family!! Thank you so much❤️🙏. Lila's daughter Sheila

SheilaHoppenjans - March 21 at 03:56 PM

MW

Great pictures for the family to remember all the good old days. Prayers coming for the whole family.

Martha Woodward - March 21 at 06:46 PM