



## Martha J. Stenftenagel

August 15, 1935 - December 14, 2023

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Martha J. Stenftenagel, age 88, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Martha was born in Ireland, Indiana, on August 15, 1935, to Albert Sr. and Cecelia (Dick) Schnaus. She married Joseph H. Stenftenagel on May 3, 1956, in St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana. He preceded her in death on December 28, 2022.

She was a 1953 graduate of Ireland High School. Martha was the basketball homecoming queen her freshman year and basketball homecoming attendant her senior year. She was an officer of her sophomore class and was the assistant editor of the high school yearbook. Martha was spelling bee champion and was salutatorian of her graduating class.

She was a homemaker and had worked at the Jasper Glove Factory and Leeds in Ireland, Indiana.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, where she was on the prayer chain, and she was a member of the St. Ann's Society.

Martha was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She loved working alongside the love of her life, Joe, on the farm. She was a seamstress and enjoyed planting flowers and working in and mowing the yard and bird watching, and loved to cook and bake, being most known for her triple layer blackberry cobbler.

She was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed attending her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren's sporting events. She enjoyed bowling with her husband Joe, and they were members of the Ireland couples mixed bowling league.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherry (Michael) Stork, Jasper, Kim (Daniel) Herzog, Jasper, two sons, Rick (Cathy) Stenftenagel, Jasper, Brian (Theresa) Stenftenagel, Jasper, 14 grandchildren, Aaron (Amy) Stenftenagel, Derick (Keisha) Stenftenagel, Kirk (Audra) Stenftenagel, Andrea (Matt) Karweck, Josh (Molly) Stenftenagel, Justin (Andrea) Stenftenagel, Kyla (Matt) Konkey, Alexa (Jacob) Ricks, Nikki Popp, Bethany (Chris) Lubenow, Bradley (Leah) Stork, Brittany (Nathan) Wagner, Mason Herzog, and Summer Herzog, 25 great-grandchildren, one sister, Annie Burger, Jasper, IN, three sisters-law, Dorena "Becky" Schnaus, Jasper, IN, Rosie Schnaus, Ireland, IN, and Rita Goepfner, Ireland, IN.

Preceding her in death besides her husband are one sister, Betty (Jim) Shelley, and seven brothers, Leroy (Dorothy), Sylvester (Francis), Virgil, Robert, Albert Jr. (Irma), Larry, and Edward Schnaus.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Martha J. Stenftenagel will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at St. Mary Catholic Church on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or to a

favorite charity.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Ireland, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

HZ

“ Thinking of the Stork family and extended family during this time. I enjoyed seeing her at the ballfields and other sports events.

Holly J Zehr - December 20, 2023 at 05:52 PM

TW

“ We always enjoyed helping Martha find the perfect gifts for her Grandkids and great grandkids! She will be missed! Your friends at Just a Trace

Tracey Welp - December 19, 2023 at 03:19 PM

CF

“ Chris Jones And Family lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Stenftenagel



Chris Jones and family - December 18, 2023 at 02:03 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear of Martha's passing. Such a sweetheart. She and Joe were a very warm, kind and loving couple. Prayers for Rick, Brian, Sherry, Kim and their families. She will be missed by all that had the honor of knowing her.

Claudette Brozzo & Bill Long - December 17, 2023 at 06:08 PM



*Rick Cathy and family I do remember your Mom and dad when I worked at a gas station. They were good people may the good Lord be with all of you at a time like this. You are all in my prayers. Ambrose Hoffman*

**Ambrose Lee Hoffman** - December 17, 2023 at 10:31 PM

ML

“ *We would run into her and Joe quite often when dining at the Chinese restaurant. They were a sweet and friendly couple. They are together again as they RIP. Sympathy to all those who love her and cherished knowing them both 🙏🙏🙏*

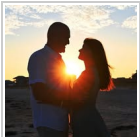


**mike donna Linette** - December 17, 2023 at 03:13 PM

VS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Cletus and I had many great times with Joe and Martha*

**Virlee Schepers** - December 17, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *We extend our condolences and deepest sympathies to Kim and the family & friends of Martha... Sorry for your loss.*

**KurtMalana Hedinger** - December 16, 2023 at 12:06 PM

CK

“ *Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hugs 🙏🙏*



**Chris and Jerry Krodel** - December 16, 2023 at 08:14 AM

PR

“ so sorry for your loss...thoughts and prayers...God Bless!

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**patrick renner** - December 15, 2023 at 12:15 PM