



Ruth Ann Hynes

August 7, 1930 - March 15, 2017

Dateline Jasper, IN

Ruth Ann Hynes, age 86, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Campus in Jasper, IN.

Ruth was born on August 7, 1930 in Jasper, Indiana, to Felix and Frances (Bohro) Kunkel. She married Thomas Hynes on August 28 1954, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper.

After working at Memorial Hospital for a short time, Ruth was employed by Dr. Edward Ploetner. In the early 1970s Ruth and Tom opened "Adventures in Travel"- Jasper's first travel agency. Ruth's last employment was as a receptionist for the Dodson Accounting Office.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and involved in the church commissions. She volunteered her time reading at mass.

Ruth had a curious nature about her. She passed that inquisitive nature of the outdoors on to her children. She expressed herself through painting landscapes. She hunted game with her father, Felix. Her wooden spoon cream puffs were simply delicious. Quilting and crocheting were part of her

past time. Many of the weekends raising her children were spent at the lake house fishing and trekking through the woods in Southern Indiana. She had a zeal for life, travel and adventure. Ruth's great love was sports. She especially enjoyed tennis, golf, and bowling. Rarely did she miss watching an IU or Pacers game.

The better part of Ruth's adult life was spent providing care to her ailing mother. After her mother's passing, she had a few short years enjoying life with her husband before caring for him in his elder years. Her selfless nature will be remembered by all the people she touched.

Surviving is her husband, Tom Hynes and five children, Jim (Lori) Hynes, Indianapolis, IN, Lynn (Omar) Freyre-Montero Indianapolis, IN, David (Carla) Hynes, Evansville, IN, Lisa Hynes Stamford, CT, and Dan (Amy) Hynes Cuzco, IN, one brother Alan (Brenda) Kunkel, Jasper, IN, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She loved raising her children and the opportunity to influence the next generation's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are two brothers, Richard and Jim Kunkel.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ruth Ann Hynes will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper on Sunday, March 19, 2017. The Daughters of Isabella will pray a rosary at 1:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 20. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ann Hynes*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Ed Schultheis lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Hynes*



Ed Schultheis - March 20, 2017 at 08:02 PM

KH

“Your kitchen table was always full of too much food- riblee soup, cream puffs, and homemade donuts. I can picture you sitting across from me in that pink kitchen. The strongest woman I ever knew ironically had an entirely pink kitchen. I can see you laughing, telling us stories about all the kids running around Jasper. And then you would proudly share all the memories and accomplishments they made outside of Jasper’s borders. She was a model figure for town pride. Jasper, Indiana was Ruth Ann Hynes raking leaves in the fall and cutting the grass in the summer. Jasper was church on Sundays and midnight mass at Christmas. I always knew it was about time to head back to school when my grandmother hung her German flag the entire week of Strassenfest that first week in August. But most of all, Jasper was that pink kitchen on Sunset Drive with my grandmother, talking, laughing, crying over a bowl of riblee soup with me. You were my favorite person. You were my holes in my socks fixer-upper. You were my “those chips aren’t stale put them in the oven” master chef. You were my never throw away the broken things or people, person. You were my ally and the one who always told me to be proud of who I was and where I came from. I don’t know where to send my letters anymore, grandma, so I’m coming home to Jasper. See you soon, miss you always.

-K.

"All these day and times and years went by so fast."

-Ruth Hynes

Kailey Hynes - March 19, 2017 at 10:43 AM

CH

“ I am honored to have known Ruth. She was one of the strongest, hard working, and loving women I have ever known. She never complained no matter what burdens life gave her. She appreciated all she had. If you measure a person's success in life by the person their children have become, then know she raised five hard working, successful, and loving children. Her family exemplifies all that she was. Her legacy will live on in them. I am honored to have known her and to be apart of her family. May you forever be at peace in a garden filled with pink roses.

-Carla Hynes

Carla Hynes - March 19, 2017 at 10:25 AM

JE

“ I loved growing up, across the street from your family. Ruth, always made us feel welcome in your home. My brother and I, still talk about how no one can come close to her wonderful cream buffs!! My thoughts and prayers are sent to all of you. You are blessed with great parents.
Jennifer (Rasche) Menefee



jennifer - March 18, 2017 at 09:59 PM

KH

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Kailey Hynes - March 18, 2017 at 08:29 PM

CR

“ *Ruth was a friend to all and a great classmate at JHS Rocky Renneisen, Signal Mountain, TN*

charles renneisen - March 18, 2017 at 09:14 AM

AH

“ *If I could be even one fraction of the Mother that Ruth was I would consider myself and my family the luckiest people in the world. She soldiered on through some of the toughest situations that life can hurl at a person and came out on top everytime. I know of no one else who devoted their entire adult life caring for everyone who needed her. Ruth Ann was the epitomy of class, strength, faith and beauty. Her words of wisdom and and encouragement will remain within me for the rest of my days. I only hope I can remember to practice them as she did, fervently, determinedly and unconditionally. Fare the well Mother in law until we meet again "up yonder in a little while" Amy Hynes*

Amy Hynes - March 17, 2017 at 04:46 PM

CJ

“ Cynthia Jaent lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Hynes



Cynthia Jaent - March 17, 2017 at 06:48 AM

DK

“ I do genealogy and my mother Perline Ernst-Schaefer and Ruth's grandmother were sisters 2 years apart in the Seng Family. So we share grandparents x3. Anna Clara Seng Bohro was the sister of Rosina Seng Jasper. I lost my mom in 2013 at age 90. She too was a caring and loving person. So sorry for your lose.
Donna Schaefer Klein

Donna Klein - March 16, 2017 at 04:54 PM

M(

“ Godspeed to you, Godmother Ruth Ann!~ You were always the best godmother... remembering me with beautiful gifts on my birthday and Christmas! The thing I loved most was hearing you and Tom telling one of your funny stories! No body was more fun, witty and totally urbane. We will miss you on this earthly plain.
Love and Light,
Maureen

Maureen Lythgoe (Besanko) - March 16, 2017 at 03:02 PM

AP

“ Tom & Ruth Hynes were the best of the best.... both so very vibrant and kind!!

Alane & Ed Ploetner (Jr.)

Alane Ploetner - March 16, 2017 at 09:00 AM

DH

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



David A Hynes - March 16, 2017 at 08:18 AM

“ Mom spent her entire life providing care to others. She raised five successful children and then provided their children with wisdom for life. Along the way, she provided daily care to her ailing mother. After my grandmother’s passing, it wasn’t long and she was caring for her ailing husband. Her life character can be encapsulated into that of a caregiving selfless person.

As young kids, we all looked up to her and deeply respected her ways and her tenacity for life. She was active in so many meaningful organizations like Tri Cap, the Catholic Church, Meals on Wheels and the list goes on. We became a stronger family unit because we helped others less fortunate. It taught us the true meaning of giving to others, especially those less fortunate. Her meaningful caregiving ways became part of her children’s character and are instilled in her grandchildren. For that, we are very thankful to have a mother that was as close to perfection as we could have ever wanted. She laid the groundwork for many, if not all of our successes in our careers and life. Thanks Mom!

Mom’s life on earth has ended. She was walked down many difficult paths and managed to find her way. She has taken many routes that allowed her to experience great faraway places across the world. And along the path of life, she has always held our hand and, more importantly, held our respect. These are our last days to show respect for her life on earth but not the last day of remembrances. Memories will live on in our hearts for as long as we live. For all that she has given us, she has earned a badge of remembrance in each and every day of our life. One of our biggest fears in life is death. She has crossed over that bridge and has eternally etched the good fruits of her existence onto those close to her.

My hope is not to carry a heavy heart throughout the day and the weeks ahead. But instead to dwell on the greatness Mom provided to us. The sense is that the world is much larger than us as individuals but we collectively have a choice to live selflessly to make this world just a little better place for everyone. Collectively

this can happen because through each act of giving comes a chance at achieving a more humane world. Mom, your children's promise to you now that you are gone is to carry on just a few of your selfless ways so that the world can continue to remain just a little better place. Thanks for the joy, the happiness and the great memories you provided. May you walk along with us on our earthly journey and may we all walk together in eternity.

David A Hynes - March 16, 2017 at 07:40 AM



What more could a Mother ask for. Such a beautiful tribute Dave.

Christy Powell - March 16, 2017 at 10:05 AM

AH

After I got to the end of this beautiful story,AJ bust out crying and said"oh mom that's so nice!"

Amy Hynes - March 17, 2017 at 05:26 PM

JN

Very well said Dave. Celebrate her life as a reminder of what is most important.

Jim Nesthus - March 18, 2017 at 07:59 AM

WK

Beautiful words for a beautiful woman.

Wanda Kavanaugh - March 23, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JS

“ Ruth and Tom were great friends of my parents John and Inez. My husband and I were blessed to enjoy many evenings with the four of them when we would visit Jasper. May you be comforted as Ruth comforted us,
when each of my parents passed.
Jane Nicholson Schwartz

Jane Nicholson Schwartz - March 15, 2017 at 08:39 PM

CH

“ My sincere sympathy to the entire family. May all the wonderful memories comfort you during this most difficult time. Ruth was a beautiful lady that enjoyed life to the fullest with her family and friends. Chris Bohnert Hinkle



Chris Hinkle - March 15, 2017 at 06:16 PM

~R

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.... Sorry for your loss.



~Christine (Sege) Rue - March 15, 2017 at 05:40 PM