



## Shirley J. Eckert

April 17, 1940 - November 3, 2020

Dateline Huntingburg, Indiana

Shirley J. Eckert, age 80, of Huntingburg, Indiana, passed away at 11:32 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in St. Vincent's Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Shirley was born in Frederick County, Maryland, on April 17, 1940, to Norman and Goldie (Long) Smith. She married Daniel F. Eckert, on February 3, 1960, in Maryland. He preceded her in death on December 21, 2002.

Shirley was a United States Army Veteran.

She was a homemaker and member of Divine Mercy Parish - St. Anthony Catholic Church, and American Legion Post #147.

She enjoyed quilting, sewing, bird watching, and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are five children, D. Thomas Eckert, Huntingburg, IN, Sandra (Frank) Rickelman, Ferdinand, IN, Sharon (Darvin) Cannon, Huntingburg, IN, Doug Eckert and companion, Patsy, Huntingburg, IN, and Bryan (Tara) Eckert, Huntingburg, IN, 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, eight sisters, Patsy

Moser, Maryland, Norma (Dick) Vannoy, Virginia, Joy Musselman, Maryland, Carol Caniglia, Nebraska, Garnetta Masser, Maryland, Pam (John) Pencola, Maryland, Jan (Mike) Joy, Maryland, Cindy Davis, Maryland and two brothers, Michael "Chuckie" (Sharon) Smith, and Mark (Laura) Smith, both of Maryland..

Preceding her in death besides her husband is one brother.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Shirley J. Eckert will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, in St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Masks and social distancing will be required. American Legion Post #147 will conduct military grave site rights.

A private family visitation will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley J. Eckert

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Shirley was such a bright spirit. Her zest for life came thru in every conversation. She was always discussing the next thing coming up. My sympathies to the family, I am sure she was always the center of the conversation! It was my distinct honor to be considered her Physician.

Ryan Sherer - November 10, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to all my family. I will miss Aunt Jean. She was a wonderful lady. I will definitely miss miss her.

Penny Millison - November 09, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Steve, Christie, Olivia & Steven Pace lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Eckert



Steve, Christie, Olivia & Steven Pace - November 09, 2020 at 10:14 AM



Bryan, Tara and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. When I told the kids about her passing, they said we always liked going to her house when Tara babysat them . They remember watching Tom & Jerry.

Steve, Christie, Olivia & Steven Pace - November 09, 2020 at 10:17 AM

RH

“ We are thinking about you Bryan & Tara, Brianna, Daniel, & Clay. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With Love, Rosemary and Ken Heim



Rosemary Heim - November 08, 2020 at 08:09 PM

PP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Pamela Pencola - November 08, 2020 at 02:51 PM

PP

“ Love and prayers to all of you in Indiana. Jean was always my "older sister from Indiana" and I still have a get-well card she sent to me when I was 12 years old and in the hospital. I treasure the white quilt she made for me and John on our 25th wedding anniversary. I pray that she is in the precious arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Take care of each other. John and Pam Pencola

Pamela Pencola - November 08, 2020 at 02:47 PM

DB

Always loved the visits from all of you when we kids were growing up! But in these last many years loved when Jean came to stay with mommy. I think they really looked forward to that every year and I know mommy will miss her dearly as will we all! I treasure the beautiful quilt she made for us when Harold and I married 15 years ago! One of my most prized possessions! So glad I made the trip out last fall! Love to you all! ❤️

Dawn Moser Beachley - November 09, 2020 at 09:28 AM

CD

*I have such fond memories of summers with Jean, Dan & the kids. Their 2-week stay at the farm was the kick-off to summer and very much anticipated each year without fail! I especially remember Jean's smile & hearty laugh. I always admired her sewing skills and cherish my handmade quilts. I'm grateful that we were able to spend time with Jean and family during the Smith RV trip last November. She will certainly be missed. With Love & Sadness, Cindy*

**Cindy Davis** - November 11, 2020 at 11:25 AM

GM

“ *Our sympathies to the Eckert family. Our family always enjoyed Aunt Jean's annual Fourth of July visit. I remember her talking about being in the Army and our kids being impressed. I also was shocked that until her kidney disease progressed that she would make the 10 hour drive by herself. We will remember her fondly.*  
*Kara and Greg Moser*

**Greg and Kara Moser** - November 07, 2020 at 07:49 PM

TJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Trish Jeffries** - November 07, 2020 at 11:05 AM

TJ

“ *Trish Jeffries lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Eckert*



**Trish Jeffries** - November 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM