



## Theodore "Ted" Joseph Bartley

June 14, 1927 - September 3, 2023

Dateline Ireland, Indiana

Theodore Joseph "Ted" Bartley, age 96, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2023, in St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Ted was born on Flag Day, June 14, 1927, in Ferdinand, Indiana, to Joseph and Mary (Thyen) Bartley. He married his wife of 40 years, Dorothy Mae Hopf, on August 24, 1948, and she preceded him in death on November 4, 1988. He then married Mary Jane Padgett on October 3, 1991, and she preceded him in death on December 15, 2010.

Ted is a U.S. Army Veteran, who served during World War II at the Caribbean Defense Command Headquarters in Panama City, Panamal Canal.

He then worked at Ruxer Ford in Jasper, where he retired after a successful and enjoyable career of 68 years selling cars and trucks. During that time, he went to Louisville to train and become more knowledgeable in the new lines of vehicles he was selling, and also became promoted to the Manager of the Truck Division, a title, which he held for 32 years. Ted had a fine reputation for the time and care he took with each and every one he dealt with; many became loyal customers. At 65, Ted decided to enter his new season of "semi-

retirement” and still continued selling cars until 2021. His last car sales was to his granddaughter, Sarah in May 2021 at 94 years of age. He was truly an “energizer bunny” and sold over 12,000 vehicles. He was greatly respected by colleagues and supervisors and contributed mightily to the success of Ruxer Ford in Jasper, IN.

Ted was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, where he was an active and devoted member and served on the finance council. He was awarded the Simon Brute award by St. Mary Parish for his faith-filled service within the parish and the Catholic faith. He was a member of the Ireland Knights of Columbus, where he was former Grand Knight, and was a member of over 60 years of both the V.F.W. Post #673 and the American Legion Post #147.

Over the years Ted loved spending time with his family at Beaver Lake, where they spent many Sunday’s waterskiing; so many memories happened in those days spent at Beaver. Ted enjoyed bowling and dancing over the years. During retirement, he continued to be very active and loved golfing, walking on the treadmill, and riding his exercise bike. He had a great sense of humor and a positive attitude, and especially loved spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving are one daughter, Sandra (Bob) Walt, Louisville, KY, three sons, Kurt (Catherine) Bartley Arlington, TX, Kevin (Cathy) Bartley, Jasper, IN, and Keith (Christy) Bartley, Jasper, IN, 11 grandchildren, Stephanie (Gary) Weidenborner, Tony (Jenny) Walt, Andrea Walt, Matt (Rachel) Walt, Sarah Bartley, Jennifer (Tim) Hopper, Abby Bartley, Rachel (Mitch) Schwenk, Issac, Avery, and Zeb Bartley, and eight great grandchildren, Adrian, Alyssa, Landyn, Teddy, Greta, Felix, Caden, and Caleb.

Preceding him in death besides his wives, is one daughter, Marla Jane

Bartley, who died in 1955, at the age of seven months and 10 brothers and sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Theodore Joseph Bartley will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023, in St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military gravesite rites.

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

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made to Heart-to-Heart Hospice at 415 E. 6th St., Jasper, IN, 47546 or can be made on their website at [htohhfoundation.org](http://htohhfoundation.org).

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PW

“ Our condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss. Kurt, your father looks like he was a very special individual. Our prayers are with you, Cathy, Sarah and the rest of the family. Take care and enjoy the memories.

Peter Wright - September 11, 2023 at 11:23 AM

MT

“ Deepest sympathy to the Bartley family. Your father, and mother, were always so kind and giving and fun loving, and shared it with so many. Great times at Beaver will always be in my memory. May Ted Rest In Peace.

Mike Thyen - September 09, 2023 at 08:06 AM

SO

“ Remembering Ted and great times spent at Beaver Lake with him and Dorothy. Sending prayers and love.

Sr. Linda Bittner, OSB - September 07, 2023 at 03:35 PM

PM

“ Our condolences to Ted's family. Always so easy to talk with...what a tribute to family and community.

Patrick Mendel - September 07, 2023 at 02:55 PM

CB

“ You have been a wonderful father-in-law dear Teddy! Thank you for all your love and support and your incredible dedication to your family. We will miss you very much. Catherine Bartley

Catherine Bartley - September 06, 2023 at 10:14 PM

MD

“ Our sympathy to all of the family! Ted will always be remembered for his friendliness and kindness. Wes and I have spent many derbys with the whole Walt family. You are truly loved and will be missed.

Mary and Wes Denny - September 06, 2023 at 02:44 PM

MP

“ Teddy was always friendly greeting everyone with a smile. Our sympathies with the family.

Marie Patton - September 06, 2023 at 01:57 PM

BG

“ Bonnie Eckerle Gessner lit a candle in memory of Theodore "Ted" Joseph Bartley



Bonnie Eckerle Gessner - September 06, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JJ

“ Keith and family . So sorry for your loss. Prayers to all.  
Joyce jacobs

Joyce jacobs - September 06, 2023 at 10:51 AM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to the Bartley family.



Chris Bohnert Hinkles - September 06, 2023 at 08:56 AM

WT

“ WE ARE SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

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**WINDELL AND BRENDA TOBY** - September 06, 2023 at 08:37 AM

BT

“ *Keith, Christy and family. Sorry for your loss. I'll keep you in my prayers*

*Barbara Schepers Tocci*

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**Barbara Tocci** - September 06, 2023 at 07:31 AM

JK

“ *Ted made a difference in so many ways. Treasure his memory. Godspeed.*



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**Joan Eckerle Knies** - September 05, 2023 at 08:48 PM

PR

“ *thoughts and prayers to the whole family.....Ted was a fine man....God Bless you all*



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**patrick renner** - September 05, 2023 at 06:48 PM