



## Vera M. Eckert

August 8, 1934 - October 18, 2020

Dateline Celestine, Indiana

Vera M. Eckert, age 86, of Celestine, Indiana, passed away at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2020, in the Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper, Indiana.

Vera was born in St. Henry, Indiana, on August 8, 1934, to Othmar and Alma (Schwinghammer) Bolte. She married Ralph T. Eckert on May 30, 1956, in St. Ferdinand Catholic Church, in Ferdinand, Indiana. He preceded her in death on January 3, 2007.

She was a graduate of the Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana. She then received training to teach the playing of the accordion. She taught accordion for Mrs. Campbell's Accordion Studio in Evansville, and they travelled to teach and play at many places around the area, notably for the troops at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

She was a member of the Dreamlanders band, for which she played the piano, and they played at the Moose and for many weddings and events in the area.

Vera retired from K-Mart in Jasper, where she had worked for 31 years.

She was a member of St. Isidore Parish - St. Celestine Catholic Church, where she played the organ, and the St. Ann's Society.

She enjoyed reading and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are three daughters, Marcia (Eugene) Helming, Celestine, IN, Debbie Hartwick, Celestine, IN, Linda (Daniel) Miller, Ireland, IN, one son, Brien (Janet) Eckert, Celestine, IN, 11 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and one brother, Jim (Nancy) Bolte, Newburgh, IN.

Preceding her in death besides her husband, are one son-in-law, Jim Hartwick, and one brother, Kenny Bolte.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A Visitation will be held from 3:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. St. Isidore Parish will pray a rosary at 2:30 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required. The family asks that if anyone doesn't feel safe, to just pray or send cards, and that they definitely understand.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Isidore Parish or to a favorite charity.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164  
Celestine, IN 47521

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church  
6864 East State Road 164  
Celestine, IN 47521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vera M. Eckert*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Vera's passing. I worked with Vera at K-mart & enjoyed spending time with her. Such a wonderful lady. prayers 🙏 for her family.*

**Connie Nigg** - October 24, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *I have very fond memories of Vera Mae. She was a kind and wonderful lady, and I was blessed to be in Vera and Ralph's wedding as a child. My condolences to her entire family.*

*Mary Lou "Helming" Breidenbaugh*

**Mary Breidenbaugh** - October 23, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Grandma's passing. She was so wonderful! I miss her & Loved her very much. Sorry that I can't be there but I am thinking of all of you and sending prayers 💜*  
*Shannon Miller*

**Shannon Miller** - October 23, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DR

“ Denise Reuber lit a candle in memory of Vera M. Eckert



Denise Reuber - October 22, 2020 at 01:30 PM

BR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As the consulting Registered Dietitian at Northwood I loved sharing time with her. Her smile always brightened up the room and she never had a negative comment about anything. I loved checking in to see what she was reading and listening to her stories about growing up. She got to meet my puppy Boaz and we agreed she was his Godmother. This world is a much better place because of her and it was an honor to get to know her.

Brenda Richardson - October 20, 2020 at 05:53 PM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked with Vera at K-mart. She was a very sweet and kind women.

Sharon Marshall - October 20, 2020 at 05:03 PM

KF

“ Kathy Freyberger lit a candle in memory of Vera M. Eckert



Kathy Freyberger - October 20, 2020 at 03:44 PM

RH

“ My condolences for your loss. She was a very kind and sweet lady and I loved talking to her at the nursing home. God has called her home and I am sure that you will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Rosalie Hartwick - October 20, 2020 at 08:59 AM

JS

“ To the family of Vera Eckerty, I am so sorry for your loss. She was a very nice lady. I enjoyed talking with her in her room. Then when I saw her out of her room, I always went over to and asked how she was doing. She would always tell me she was doing fine. She enjoyed playing bingo up in the activity room. There were a lot of times I saw her sitting up by the bird by crossroads and talking to the bird.. She enjoyed talking to the bird. She will be missed by a lot of people. Prayers go out to the family 🙏🙏.



Jane Schroede - October 19, 2020 at 04:16 PM

KI

My sweet beautiful Aunt. I will always remember how kind and open arms you shared every time we came down to visit from Indy. Always with A smile on your face and the kind words you spoke gave me the love I knew you meant. I will always remember you in a special place in my heart! ❤️

kimberly - October 19, 2020 at 06:32 PM

JS

“ I use to think of Vera as an extra grandma growing up. I always enjoyed fishing and swimming with her grandkids in her pond, climbing in the apple trees, and talking to her at K-Mart. She will be missed.

James Summers - October 19, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DC

“ *Diane Carie lit a candle in memory of Vera M. Eckert*



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**Diane Carie** - October 19, 2020 at 10:52 AM