



## Virgil J. Knies

November 24, 1935 - July 15, 2023

Virgil Joseph Knies, age 87 of Celestine, Indiana, passed away at 10 am on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Virgil was born in Celestine, Indiana on November 24, 1935 to Bernard and Albertha (Heldman) Knies. He married Frances A. Jochem on October 18, 1958 in St. Henry Catholic Church.

He was a veteran of the Indiana Army National Guard and a member of the Indiana American Legion.

Virgil retired from Kimball International and had worked for Aristokraft in Jasper, Jasper Novelty and Gramelspacher Turkey Farms.

He was a member of St. Isidore Parish in Celestine Indiana, where he and his wife were recipients of the Simon Brute' Award. He was also a member of the Celestine Community Club where he served as past president, and the Celestine Park and Recreation Club.

He enjoyed playing cards – especially winning, gardening, attending shooting matches, old county music, and Big Joe's Polka show. He also loved spending time with family, especially his grandson and great grandson.

Surviving is his wife, Frances A. Knies of Celestine, daughter-in-law, Chris Knies of Dale, grandson Caleb Knies (Savannah) of Murfreesboro, TN, one great grandson, Smith Edward Knies, two sisters, Connie Schroering, and Sharon Burger (Jerry), both of Jasper, four brothers, Paul Knies (Carol) and Perry Knies (Jane), both of Jasper, and Bernard Knies (Diane) and Randall Knies (Janice), both of Celestine, and sister-in-law Bonnie Knies of Jasper.

Preceding him in death was his beloved son, Kurt Knies, one sister, Rosetta Hasenour, six brothers, Dennis, Jerome, Albert, James, Vernon and Ernest Knies, three sisters-in-law, Ruth, Bernice and Cyrilla Knies, and two brothers in law, Anthony Hasenour Sr. and Delmar Schroering.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Virgil J. Knies will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday July 21, 2023, in St. Isidore Parish – St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The St. Anthony American Legion Post #493 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 9 am until the 11 am Mass time at St. Celestine Catholic Church on Friday.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made to St. Isidore Parish, the St. Celestine Cemetery Fund, the Celestine Volunteer Fire Department, or the Sisters of St. Benedict Monastery.

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

JUL 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church - Celestine Campus  
Celestine, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church - Celestine Campus  
Celestine, IN

# Tribute Wall

VC

“ Vera Crutchfield lit a candle in memory of Virgil J. Knies



Vera Crutchfield - July 19, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ Connie and Sharon, our sincere sympathy goes out to you on the loss of your dad. May he rest in peace in heaven united with his family who have gone before him.  
Judy & Linus

Judy Lampert - July 18, 2023 at 11:30 AM



Sorry, that should have read loss of your brother.

Judy Lampert - July 18, 2023 at 11:34 AM

DH

“ Sharon and family. Sorry to hear of your brother passing. Prayers for all

Dave and Ann Hostetter - July 18, 2023 at 05:45 AM

CL

“ We knew Virgil only a short time. He and Frances were residents at Scenic Hills AL where our dad lives. He & Frances were so sweet. Prayers for Frances and the family. 🙏

Connie Lueken - July 17, 2023 at 06:42 PM

PR

“ *R.I.P. Virgil.....a very good man....God Bless....prayers to the whole family*



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**patrick renner** - July 17, 2023 at 04:23 PM

BG

“ *Bonnie Eckerle Gessner lit a candle in memory of Virgil J. Knies*



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**Bonnie Eckerle Gessner** - July 17, 2023 at 02:54 PM