



## William J. "Bill" Keinhelster

May 28, 1942 - November 28, 2019

Dateline Celestine, Indiana

William J. "Bill" Keinhelster, age 77 of Celestine, Indiana, passed away at 3:35 a.m. on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Bill was born in Celestine, Indiana on May 28, 1942 to Hubert and Adele (Merkley) Keinhelster. He married Betty A. Fetter on November 30, 1963 in Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in Mariah Hill, IN.

He retired from Wabash Valley Produce after many years of service.

Bill was a member of St. Isidore Parish - St. Celestine Catholic Church and the Good Shepard of the Hills Knights of Columbus.

He was also a member of the Celestine Community Club.

He enjoyed hunting, gardening, watching old westerns and reading old western books, watching I.U. Basketball, watching the grandkids sporting events, and spending time with friends and family.

Surviving are his wife, Betty A. Keinhelster of Celestine, three daughters,

Annette Jones (Gary) Santa Claus, Ashley Schwenk (Ryan), Ireland, and Heather Terwiske (Joel), Dubois, two sons, Terry Kleinhelter (Jan), Celestine, and Tom Kleinhelter (Angie), Jasper, twelve grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one sister, Barb Knies, Celestine, and one brother, John Kleinhelter (Pam), Jacksonville, FL.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters who passed in childbirth, and his Godfather, Lawrence Kleinhelter.

A Mass of Christian Burial for William J. "Bill" Kleinhelter will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Isidore Parish, the Celestine Volunteer Fire Department, 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

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North  
3221 N. Newton Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. "Bill" Kleinhelter*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Godspeed!*



**Brian and Joan Knies** - December 04, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Robert Hamm lit a candle in memory of  
William J. "Bill" Kleinhelter*



**Robert Hamm** - December 02, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Bill was a class  
mate in St Celestine Grade School of mine.  
I hope your happy memories of Bill comfort you and get you thru  
your loss;  
Sylvia Stemle Schepers*

**sylvia stemle schepers** - December 02, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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“ Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the passing of your dear husband, father, grandfather and brother. May your memories and the love you shared bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Your friends at the Vincennes University Alumni and Foundation Office

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**VU Alumni and Foundation Office** - December 02, 2019 at 10:04 AM

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“ Betty: So sorry for your loss. Lot of fond memories that I have as youngsters playing at the farm where Mom (Alice Kleinhelter) was raised. We will be thinking of you and your whole family this weekend. May he rest in peace. Tom and Mary Merkley

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**Thomas R Merkley** - November 29, 2019 at 02:31 PM

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“ I met Bill, and Betty, in the early '90's if not earlier. Tom had known them all his life. He was always very sweet and talked about a lot of subjects. Tom, my husband, and Jeff, our son, & me stayed in their basement apartment once. They were both very caring with donuts one morning and a breakfast another day. Bill was a lovable guy. Always had a smile on his face & genuinely cared about others & listened to what was said. Betty, I'm so sorry for your loss. Wish we lived closer so I could give you a hug. Peace & love, Teresa & Tom Fickas

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**Teresa Fickas** - November 29, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this Betty he was a very nice guy and we enjoyed talking with him!!!! Love you and thinking of you Betty and family!!!!

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**Curt and Connie Hall** - November 29, 2019 at 12:04 PM