



Alice "Lauretta" Schoelkopf

May 10, 1921 - October 19, 2025

Alice Lauretta Schoelkopf, 104, of Indianapolis, passed away October 19, 2025. "Lauretta" was born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 10, 1921 to Henry Donlin and Bessie Pyle Emerson. She was married to Louis Russell Schoelkopf from October 1946 until his death at age 92 in 2011. Russell's job took them briefly to New Orleans, Louisiana before they settled in Indianapolis in the mid-1950s. Lauretta had a talent for organizing, and after her girls were in school, she worked as a bookkeeper – first at Robert Hall Clothes, then at L.S. Ayres & Co., and finally at All Souls Unitarian Church.

While Lauretta remained a lifelong lover of learning, she gave up her formal education at age 17, when her mother died in childbirth, to help with her four younger siblings. She loved to garden, read, shop, listen to music, travel and enjoyed all kinds of crafts, especially knitting, embroidery and painting. But most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Lauretta and Russell were longtime members of Castleton United Methodist Church. She returned to her Catholic upbringing after her husband passed, becoming a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Lauretta is survived by her daughters, Barbara Hoffman, Carol Sergi (Anthony), and Janet Chandler (Dave); grandchildren, Erin Chandler, Adam Chandler (Brandi), Matthew Sergi, and Katherine Sergi; and great-grandchildren, Louis Chandler and Calvin Chandler. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Eunice Katz, Marjorie Emerson, Donlin Emerson, and

John Emerson.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bosma Visionary Opportunities Foundation, <https://www.bosma.org/foundation>, 6270 Corporate Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46278 and/or the BrightFocus Foundation, <https://www.brightfocus.org/>, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ From the LN Percussion Crew & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice "Lauretta" Schoelkopf.

From the LN Percussion Crew & Families - October 22, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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“ From the LN Percussion Crew & Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alice "Lauretta" Schoelkopf.



From the LN Percussion Crew & Families - October 22, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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“ Tom and Jackie Newcomb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alice "Lauretta" Schoelkopf.



Tom and Jackie Newcomb - October 22, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alice "Lauretta" Schoelkopf.



October 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM