



## Avarilla B Short Bass

March 27, 1928 - March 16, 2023

Avarilla B Short Bass,

94, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully at home March 16, 2023. She was born March 27, 1928 in Greenwood, Indiana to the late Charles Leland and Lestie America Slack Short. Avarilla lived most of her life in Irvington. She attended Arsenal Technical High School, and her first employment was with H.P. Wasson. Avarilla then worked with her mother and sister for many years for Ramsey Interiors and L.S. Ayres & Co. as a talented seamstress.

Avarilla was a babysitter for many years for Amy Rothrock who cherished her as "Grandma Relia." After retirement she worked for over 20 years for McDonalds where she was affectionately known as "Miss Rilly." Avarilla was honored on her 86th birthday with a party, a proclamation from the City of Indianapolis, and a visit from the Mayor. She enjoyed traveling with her family and cheering on the Indianapolis Colts.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St. A Celebration of Life service will be held on what would be her 95th birthday at 1:00 p.m. Monday.

Avarilla is survived by her daughters, Charlene Carswell and Carolene Bash (David); granddaughter, Carrie Dillman (Ryan); great-granddaughter, Cora Dillman; and her seven precious kitties. She was preceded in death by her sister, Fern Carroll Graham.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. The

family would like to thank the many caregivers, friends and neighbors who cared for Avarilla, and a special thanks to Tom and Judy Rothrock. Judy was able to help immensely in Avarilla's final days and the family will be forever grateful.

# Cemetery Details

## First Mount Pleasant Cemetery

100 West South Street  
Franklin, IN 46131

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel  
5377 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
(317) 357-1181  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Avarilla B Short Bass.*



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March 23, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Avarilla B Short Bass.*



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“ *I have known Rilly for at least 60 years as a dear friend and neighbor. I can't tell you how many laughs we enjoyed together over those years!*  
*She will certainly be remembered by our family and many others who were recipients of her kindness and humor. May God bless her and keep her in His loving care. We are privileged to have known Rilly.....💕💕*

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**Stephenie and Don Paquette** - March 23, 2023 at 01:22 PM