



## Bettyjo Thornburgh

August 10, 1924 - February 29, 2020

Bettyjo Thornburgh, 95, of Indianapolis, passed away February 29, 2020. She was born August 10, 1924 to the late Sylvester and Ruth Reed. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Bettyjo was in the first graduating class of Thomas Carr Howe High School. She attended Purdue University and married the love of her life, her next door neighbor, John Guy Thornburgh, who preceded her in death. Bettyjo served the U.S. Army Maps Service during WWII. She was an assistant librarian for the Marion County Public Library for 18 years, retiring in 1989. Bettyjo was a very active former member of Irvington United Methodist Church, and a current member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Irvington Women's Club and a volunteer at Community East Hospital serving as the Auxiliary president. Bettyjo enjoyed painting, shopping and sewing, but the most important thing in her life was her family.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., with visitation one hour prior.

Bettyjo is survived by her children, Kathy Clark (Randy), John R. Thornburgh (Deborah) and Susan Strapulos (Jim); grandchildren, Andrea Strapulos, Aly Strapulos, Meredith Thornburgh-White (Mark), John R. Thornburgh II (Susie) and Jacob W. Thornburgh; and great-grandchildren, Maggie and Ruth White. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marion County

Public Library and/or the Humane Society of Indianapolis.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

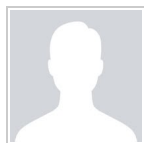
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
100 West 86th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *This is Terry Hobbs Kemp, Mary Dobbs' daughter. I'm so sorry to hear of Bettyjo's passing. She was the last living of mom's friends. Mom is still living at SummerTrace in Carmel with the beginnings of dementia, but she is just as friendly and funny as ever. She would love to hear from Kathy. Mom is now over in the nursing side. My best to Bettyjo's children. She was always the loveliest of ladies.*

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**Terry Kemp** - April 12, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Bettyjo was a longtime friend of my mom, Beatrice Whitaker Cottom. Mother died in October so I know that your family is experiencing great sadness. My thoughts are with you all. I'm grateful for her long life, well lived.*

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**Carol Cottom** - March 05, 2020 at 10:01 AM

“ *She was a good friend to me during my years at Butler; I enjoyed our frequent lunch dates. I always loved seeing her smiling face at family gatherings and I will remember her for her great kindness.*  
*Heidi Brooker*

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**Heidi Brooker** - March 02, 2020 at 06:09 PM