



## Carolyn Marie Hetzler

September 18, 1938 - October 29, 2023

Carolyn Marie Hetzler, 85, of Pekin, Indiana (formerly of Indianapolis, Indiana), passed away October 29, 2023. She was born September 18, 1938 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Richard W. Bacon, Sr. and Nellie O. Bacon. Carolyn attended high school at Thomas Carr Howe in Indianapolis, Indiana and graduated Class of 1956. She married Donald Eugene Hetzler on March 30, 1974. She was previously employed at IU Health and retired October 1, 1999. Carolyn was a proud mother of four children and loved all of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Carolyn was a longtime member of Geist Christian Church in Indianapolis. After her move to Pekin, she joined Greenville Christian Church. Carolyn was a devoted Christian and truly loved the Lord. Carolyn enjoyed going on cruises and traveling with her husband. She always made sure to let people know that she loved her husband and would always love him for eternity. While living in Pekin, she loved watching and identifying the birds with her son-in-law, David. She was in love with all the dogs residing with her, especially Cocoa.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters, Christina (David) Hicks, and Catherine (Jose) Rivera; son, Steven (Katherine) Smith; sisters, Susan (George) Hill and Joyce (Kenneth) Massey; daughter-in-law, Minerva Smith; sister-in-law, Karen Bacon; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; son,

Gregory Smith; and brother, Richard Bacon, Jr.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Carolyn's honor to the American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Hetzler.* ”



November 01, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Hetzler.* ”



October 31, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Hetzler.* ”



October 31, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Hetzler.* ”



October 31, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Marie Hetzler.

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