



Dorothy Mae Bessler

May 15, 1924 - May 31, 2025

Dorothy Mae Bessler, 101, of Indianapolis, passed away May 31, 2025. She was born May 15, 1924 in Assumption, Illinois to the late William and Orpha (Delaney) Behl. Dorothy was a graduate of Shortridge High School. She married Clarence F. Bessler, June 21, 1947, and he preceded her in death August 9, 1980. Dorothy along with her husband were the owners/operators of General Septic Service Tank Company for 30 years. She was a longtime member of St. Jude Catholic Church where she was active in Women's Bible Studies and was also a part of People of Peace, Secular Franciscan Order.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 East Thompson Road. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Road, with visitation there one hour prior.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Linda McNally, Paula (Richard) Wells, Larry (Candace) Bessler, and Woodie (Pam) Bessler; longtime dear friend, Phyllis Seger; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Eileen Breimeir; and brother, Joseph Behl.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 2500 Churchman Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203 and/or People of Peace, OFS, in care of Joseph Doll, 519 Dorman Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Cemetery Details

White Lick Friends Cemetery

13419 N. White lick Rd.
Mooresville, IN 46158

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **8**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel
3333 E. Thompson Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 783-3315
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Visitation

JUN **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
5353 McFarland Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Woodie - June 08, 2025 at 01:40 AM

WO

Dorothy sent this photo of herself to our (future) dad. It sparked our whole family! Love U Mom!

Woodie - June 08, 2025 at 05:41 AM

LI



Linda - June 09, 2025 at 11:16 AM

CB

“ Chris, Julie, Mike, Brian, and Brittany purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Dorothy Mae Bessler.*



Chris, Julie, Mike, Brian, and Brittany - June 07, 2025 at 06:21 PM

DO

“ *Dee Ann and Buddy Osteen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Mae Bessler.*



Dee Ann and Buddy Osteen - June 05, 2025 at 10:20 PM

NC

“ *Nate and Melinda Clark purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy Mae Bessler.*



Nate and Melinda Clark - June 05, 2025 at 02:56 PM

JU

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Julie - June 03, 2025 at 09:06 PM

LM

Pam Bessler (Woodie's wife) in background, Mama (Dorothy, Dottie) holding electric guitar 🎸

Linda McNally - September 14, 2025 at 10:08 PM

MF

“ Mike and Linda Bessler and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Mae Bessler.



Mike and Linda Bessler and family - June 03, 2025 at 06:06 PM

WB

“ 101st Birthday cake, candles and singing!



Woodie Bessler - June 03, 2025 at 05:56 PM

KS

I started working for Ms.Bessler 2019-2025, Her and Her Family Welcomed Me with open arms,It was and Honor and Blessings working with Her, She will Truly be Missed Love Kedyra ❤️🙏

Kedyra Smith - June 07, 2025 at 06:57 PM

L)

“ 5 files added to the album 100 birthday Mom



Larry Bessler (Son) - June 03, 2025 at 05:46 PM

WB

“ Sunday meal together.



Woodie Bessler - June 03, 2025 at 05:44 PM

GF

“ Gregg Bretnitz and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Mae Bessler.



Gregg Bretnitz and family - June 03, 2025 at 05:36 PM