



Esther F. Risser

August 23, 1928 - July 25, 2019

Esther F. Risser, 90, of Indianapolis, passed away July 25, 2019. She was born August 23, 1928 in Slatington, PA, to the late Joseph D. and Minnie I. Kreiss. Esther received her Associates Degree from Goshen College, and married Laurel E. Risser. She was employed in the magazine division of the American Legion National Headquarters for 30 years, retiring in 1993. Esther was a longtime member of Aldersgate Free Methodist Church. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, cross-stitch and spending time with family and her adored cat, "Muffin".

Visitation will be Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 12 noon until the time of service at 4:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Esther is survived by her daughters, Judy Sommer and Kathy Jones; grandchildren, Caleb Jones (Ammy Hinton), Lisa Bollenbacher (Kevin), Kristen Main (Chad) and Stacy Black (Tom); and great-grandchildren, Parker, Jared, Colin, Elise, Julia, Conner and Brielle. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Laurel E. Risser; and son-in-law, Kenneth Sommer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to International Childcare Ministries in care of Free Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Olive Cemetery

61081 County Road 3
Elkhart, IN 46517

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 10. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

AUG **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Esther F. Risser.*



August 09, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Constance D. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Esther F. Risser.*



Constance D. - August 03, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *She was a wonderful Great Aunt. I always looked forward to her visits to PA as I was growing up. Then as an adult getting to visit her in Indianapolis. She was a joy to spend time with talking, laughing, eating, playing games and attending church with her. I'm so glad I will see her again one day in glory.*

Tara Bomgardner - July 30, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *I had the honor of helping Esther with her hair for many years. We shared a lot of laughs together. She was quite a lady. I enjoyed her very much.*

Jerry Miller - July 29, 2019 at 09:07 PM

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“ We would want to express our sympathy to the family. Bruce went to the same church that Esther and her husband went to in the mid and late 1980s.

Bruce and Liz LeMond - July 28, 2019 at 02:54 PM