



Hildegard "Hilda" Elizabeth (Werner) Bennett

June 26, 1936 - April 14, 2024

Hildegard Elizabeth (Werner) Bennett,

87, of Carmel passed peacefully at her home on Sunday, April 14, 2024. For the past year, she courageously battled stomach cancer while receiving hospice care at home.

Hilda was born on June 26, 1936 in Reading, PA to the late Fritz Clemens and Erna Frieda (Fichtner) Werner. After high school, she moved with family to South Bend, IN and later met the love of her life. A “carhop” met a “soda jerk” while working together at Boonie Doon Drive-In. On February 22, 1958, Hilda married Thomas Kent Bennett, who survives. In addition to her loving husband of 66 years, she is survived by her daughters, Cindy Slopsema (Mike) of Noblesville, IN, and Karen Willman (Mark) of Carmel, IN; six grandchildren, Kent George (fiance, Megan Marie Puetz), Adam Lee Willman, Brooke Elizabeth Willman, Nathan Bennett Willman, Clinton Lee Slopsema, and Grace Elizabeth Slopsema; her brother Johannes (Margret) Werner; and her brother-in-law Lester Snyder. Hilda was preceded in death by her parents, brother Friederich Werner, and sister Christiana Snyder.

As Karen and I write about Mom, our hearts ache with the emptiness left by her absence. She had unwavering devotion in caring for Dad who has Alzheimer’s. She will forever be the best mother in the world, cherished and loved. Hilda’s grandchildren will keep her spirit alive, continuing her legacy of love.

For those fortunate enough to know Hilda, her love, kindness, and strength

leave an enduring mark. She had a few nicknames like, "Mom Kat," "HB," and "Queenie." She loved being with family and friends. Hilda was an animal lover, avid gardener, league bowler, loyal Purdue fan, fisherwoman, and boat co-captain. Over the years, Tom and Hilda formed many great friendships living in Lafayette, IN, and boating on Lake Michigan in St. Joseph, MI. They moved to Carmel to be closer to us and their grandchildren. We were blessed! Our heartfelt thanks to Hilda's hospice nurse, Danny. For the last year, he and his team compassionately cared for and supported her needs. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Hilda may be donated to the Alzheimer's Association or the Hamilton County Humane Society. Per Hilda's wishes, final care and arrangements are private and entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere condolences to TK, Cindy & family and Karen & family. I met TK and HB through a mutual friend in the Isbell's. I remember fondly my visits to their home in which we shared great conversation, music and of course.....ski ball/pin ball competition. Service to our great country took me away for over 24 years however it is these memories that remain with me still. The Bennett's are and were one of Lafayettes great families. 66 years of marriage and devotion is a testament!

David J Maxwell
Orange County, CA

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“ Mike and Kim Bremer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hildegard "Hilda" Elizabeth (Werner) Bennett.

Mike and Kim Bremer - April 18, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ Napa Valley Charm Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Hildegard "Hilda" Elizabeth (Werner) Bennett.



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“ Dear Tom, Cindy and family, Karen and family, you know how much we loved Hilda. Uncle John referred to her as his "little sister". I love the picture you selected for this memorial and miss the laugh that goes with the smile and the sparkle in her eyes. The last couple of years when Hilda and Tom moved close to you must have been such a blessing to them and you. I know they appreciated all your support especially this past year. I am so grateful you gave her the gift to be at home and with Tom. So when the time came for her to leave she could do so peacefully. With much love to all, John and Margret

John and Margret Werner - April 18, 2024 at 03:25 PM