



Mary Ellen (Kilgore) Oetjen

February 10, 1938 - April 15, 2022

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Mary started her life defying the odds by surviving childhood polio. She was one of 12 children who grew up on a Shelby County farm. Upon graduation she took the path less traveled by a young lady at the time by moving to St. Petersburg, Florida where she met and married Herman Oetjen, Jr. Military service took them to Okinawa and Turkey for assignments and they traveled many places during those times. They retired to Indiana where Mary continued her education receiving a master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation. She worked at Goodwill Industries helping the disabled. Her favorite hobbies later in life were watching her grandchildren and attending their recitals, dances, plays and sporting events.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 17, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Heather Hills Baptist Church, 1421 N. German Church Road, and Monday, April 18, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 10:00 a.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street.

Mary is survived by her husband, Herman Oetjen, Jr.; daughter, Cindy Oetjen; son, Trey Oetjen; daughter-in-law, Lori Oetjen; grandchildren, Caleb (Taylor) Oetjen, Madison (Matthew) Beaty, Noah (Mallory) Oetjen, Josiah Oetjen, Hope Oetjen, Isaiah Oetjen, Angela Oetjen and Elijah Oetjen; great-grandchildren, Jackson, Emmalyn, Selah and Wesley; and sisters, Barbara Kent, Carol Jones and Freda Linville. She was preceded in death by her

parents, Elmer and Lucy; brothers, Joseph, Willis, Kenneth, Phillip and Donald; and sisters, Judy, Joan and Martha.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the M.O.M. House, Heather Hills Baptist Church, 1421 N. German Church Road, Indianapolis, IN 46229.

Cemetery Details

Arlington East Hill Cemetery

6350 US 52
Arlington, IN 46104

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Heather Hills Baptist Church
1421 N German Church Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

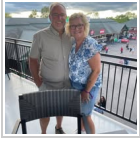
Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I had the pleasure of caring for sweet lady the last weeks of her life. I truly will miss her and her amazing loving caring family. God sure got a great one on Good Friday.*

Conni Kirkham - April 18, 2022 at 08:25 AM

RP

“ *Cindy Praying for you and your entire family. Prayers and love. Rhonda Pullen APS*



Rhonda Pullen - April 16, 2022 at 02:34 PM

MP

“ *We loved Mary and the beautiful family she brought into our lives. I will always be grateful for the way she welcomed me into the family like I was one of her own nieces. Love to Herman and the rest of the Oetjen clan.*

Mark and Kathleen

Mark and Kathleen Price - April 15, 2022 at 05:54 PM

HP

Family is in my prayers. Didnt get to see her often but what i remember is that she was an awesome lady whom everyone loved.

Heather Peters - April 16, 2022 at 07:14 AM

CF

I remember when I was 4 or 5 years old I would walk like Aunt Mary, I was not making fun but wanted to grow up and be like Aunt Mary. She was always loving and as I grew older, I was proud she was MY aunt. She never let anything stop her and I admired her strength and ability to help others. I will truly miss her but knowing I will see her again makes me smile.

Love to all

Miss you

Connie

Connie Foy - April 19, 2022 at 08:58 PM