



## Thelma Edith (Fendley) Chris

September 21, 1928 - August 3, 2023

Thelma Edith (Fendley) Chris,

94, of Indianapolis, passed away August 3, 2023. She was born September 21, 1928 to the late Kenneth and Francis (Riggs) Fendley. Thelma married Charles Cavins Chris, and he preceded her in death May 15, 2002.

Loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Thelma's passion was for children, however she never met a stranger of any age. Thelma enjoyed game shows, sports events, the Indy 500 and was tech savvy and could text on her iPhone. Mostly she loved LIFE!

Cemetery service will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Peace at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Thelma is survived by her children, Terrie Lee Drake, Charles Kenneth Chris, and Nancy Marie Brown; grandchildren, Jacob Brown (Melissa), Zachary Brown (Samantha) and Nicole Chris-Garner (Joseph); great-grandchildren, Addy Brown, Lincoln Brown and Kinley Garner; and sister, Cynthia (Fendley) VanGundy (Bill).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service - Peace Chapel

AUG 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens  
9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Thelma was a friend I met a few years ago  
Shelved my toy poodle, Sparky. Thelma liked to shop and eat at  
breakfast places  
We used to talk on the phone for hours. We had over 30 years  
between our ages yet we were able to communicate well and  
seemed to be cut from the same cloth  
She could be very complex. She said don't ever try to figure me out  
because you can't do it. She was right. I will always remember her  
and think of her every time I look at the Snoopy blanket she bought  
me one year for Xmas. My prayers go out to her kids and other  
family members.*

*Vicki Davis*

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**Vicki Davis** - August 17, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma Edith (Fendley) Chris.

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August 08, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma Edith (Fendley) Chris.



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“ *Peggy Van Eckoute and I (Jan Stephan), met Thelma at Terrie’s house while visiting Terrie in Florida.*

*Thelma was a vibrant lady who enjoyed going to shows, out to dinner and talking to her relatives on the phone. For her age, she was really knowledgeable about technology of phones. She truly loved being around Terrie’s dogs and often would baby sit them letting them sit on her lap.*

*She was a spry 90 plus year old and kept herself very mobile and agile.*

*It was a pleasure to meet her and share time with her.*



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**Jan Stephan** - August 06, 2023 at 06:49 PM