



## Velma Blankenship Drake

December 13, 1927 - January 12, 2021

Velma Blankenship Drake, 93, of Fishers, Indiana passed away January 12, 2021. Velma was born December 13, 1927 in Portland, Tennessee to the late Alta Florence (Clark) Blankenship and Henry Martin Blankenship. Velma married Kenneth O. Drake, October 11, 1946 and he preceded her in death on August 31, 2007. Velma was preceded by all of her siblings, Sidney Blankenship, Jonah Blankenship, Albert Blankenship, Carl Blankenship, Eva Nell Wagner, Jo Helen Wood, and Tennie Blankenship.

Velma was employed at Western Electric for 25 years and then she was with Boehringer Mannheim for 10 years! Velma was a member of Fishers Church of Christ. Velma was blessed with a wonderful smile and a great laugh! Also she was always taking everyone's pictures and love all the families new babies!! Velma had to have ever birth date and legal name of all new family members to add to the family genealogy.

Visitation will be Monday, January 18, 2021 from 12 noon until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers. If you are unable to attend, please click on the link for a virtual streaming of the service at: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/77900517>.

Velma is survived by her two children, K. Alan Drake (Anita), and Candace A. Drake-Ottenbacher (Kurt); two grandsons, Shawn A. Drake (Pam) and Jeramy S. Drake (Heather); one step-grandson, Kristopher M. Ottenbacher (Jessica);

six great-grandchildren, Michael, Caleb, Amy, Brayden, Jackson, Nolyn; three step great-grandchildren, Jenny, Riley and Loralie; one great-great grandchild, Xander; and two step great-great grandchildren, Eric and Chase.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the National Kidney Foundation and/or the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Always think of Aunt Velma and Uncle Buddy when I drive up Olio and also when drive up Allisonville. Aunt June just let me know so sorry I was not able to send flowers.

David Howell - January 18, 2021 at 01:36 PM

LB

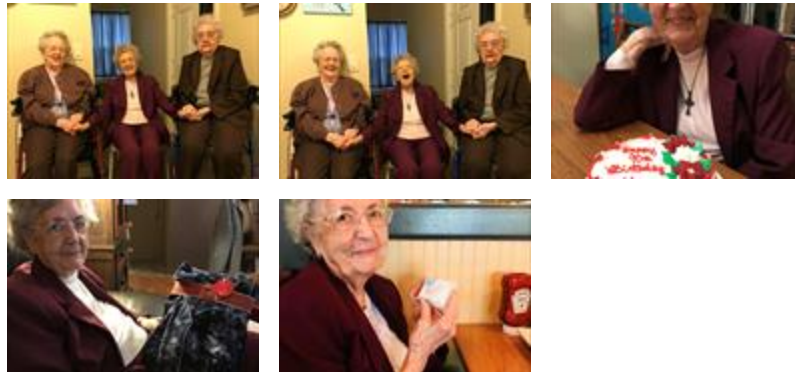
“ Aunt Velma was a delight! I love her so much! I'm sorry for this loss for all of us.



Lori Blankenship - January 18, 2021 at 01:29 PM



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JB

“ Alan and Candy,  
I's so sorry about your mom. She was a great Christian lady. I will always cherish her memory as a dear aunt. The last time I was at their house I was on my way to Michigan for a Gospel meeting and stopped by for a morning cup of coffee about 7 a.m, to keep me awake for the next 500 miles of my trip. Nancy and I know it's not fun and she's the last one in her generation. Love you all.  
Jim and Nancy Blankenship.

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**Jim and Nancy Blankenship** - January 16, 2021 at 04:30 PM



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