



Vera Mae Espenlaub Schornhorst

January 29, 1929 - April 2, 2021

Vera Mae Espenlaub Schornhorst, of Carmel, IN passed away peacefully April 2, 2021. She was born in Evansville, IN January 29, 1929 to Emil and Rose Espenlaub, who preceded her in death. She graduated from Bosse High School, Evansville class of 1947, then Evansville University for two years before marrying Rudolph (Rudy) Schornhorst February 11, 1950. Rudy preceded her in death September 28, 1983. Vera worked for Bell Telephone in Lafayette while Rudy attended Purdue, North Manchester School Systems and Butler University Irwin Library as Circulation Librarian. She also finished her BA in Library Science at Butler while working there. After retiring she began selling AVON for extra cash and earned several Mrs. Albee's for her high sales. During her life she enjoyed camping, family cook outs, Espenlaub family reunions, Bosse HS class reunions – the last one was her 70th, day trips to state parks, church functions and volunteer opportunities to serve God's people in need. She had been a Deacon at OPPC, attended Sunday school regularly, was the church librarian for many years, was an active member of the church ladies group "The Lunch Bunch", and taught aqua size classes at the Carmel Racquet Club. She traveled to several places in Europe, the holy land & Egypt, and in the US many places with family or friends; her last big trip was to the Grand Canyon including a jeep tour, but one of her favorite spots was the Douglas-Schornhorst family cottage in Wheatley, Canada. Vera was known for her cooking, especially her German potato salad, date nut pudding and "ham"

salad – which her brother-in-law Conrad quickly learned was actually bologna salad.

Vera & Rudy's children include Eric Schornhorst (Eileen), Linda Schornhorst, David Schornhorst (Donna), Michael Schornhorst (Candace) and Debra Schornhorst who preceded her in death on February 28, 2016. Grandchildren, Kevin Schornhorst (Joanna), Keith Schornhorst (Amanda) – Eric's sons; Elizabeth Williams (Patrick) – Linda's daughter and Connor Schornhorst – David's son. Step-grands, Tammie (Jason) Gross and Heidi (Jeremy) McGuffey Denton – Michael's daughters and their children and grandchildren. Great-grandchildren, Will Schornhorst, Cooper Schornhorst, Max Schornhorst, Taylor Schornhorst and Paul Schornhorst. Her brother & sister-in-law, Conrad and sue Schornhorst from Evansville. Also, beloved nephew, Carl Schornhorst (Beverly), Katherine and Charles. She was preceded in death by brother-in-law & his wife, Charles Rae Schornhorst (Charlene); sister-in-law, Katherine Schornhorst Beard (Gregory); several Espenlaub cousins; and dear friends, Herbert and Gertrude Paxson.

Services will be at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church in Carmel, 1605 E. 106th St., Indianapolis, IN 46280, Saturday, April 10th, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, visitation with service immediately following at 1:00 PM, and a graveside service at Oaklawn Cemetery in the Garden of Eternal Peace next to her husband Rudy. Contact Shirley Brothers Fishers Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road for further details. Flowers are welcome or donations can be made to Orchard Park Church in memory of Vera. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
1605 East 106th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46280

Funeral Service

APR 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vera Mae Espenlaub Schornhorst.*



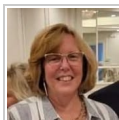
April 07, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *I worked in the Orchard Park Library with Vera for several years. I learned so much from her. She was a dear woman and a very sweet friend. A life well lived! You are all in my prayers.*

~~ Lynn Akerhielm

Lynn Akerhielm - April 06, 2021 at 04:09 PM



*Thank you Lynn, she was a sweet lady & loved by many.
- Linda*

Linda Schornhorst - April 07, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *Paxson Cousins purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Vera Mae Espenlaub Schornhorst.*

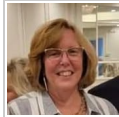


Paxson Cousins - April 05, 2021 at 12:50 PM

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“ Linda, I'm so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. I will be thinking of and praying for you & your family in this difficult time.
Kind Regards,
Cecilia S (from Allegion)

Cecilia - April 05, 2021 at 10:42 AM



Thank you Cecilia, you are so very kind.
- Linda

Linda Schornhorst - April 07, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Vera Mae Espenlaub Schornhorst.



April 04, 2021 at 12:31 PM



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April 04, 2021 at 09:25 AM



Candace
Condon

“ Her son, Michael and his wife, Candy Schornhorst, with their children, Tammy (Jason) Gross and Heidi (Jeremy) Denton send their love and condolences. She was so very loved by her great grandchildren, Micheal Gross, Candace Condon, Dakota Gross, Chelsy McGuffey, Katie Curtis, Joseph Denton, and Hailey Denton. And she will be missed by her great, great grandchildren, Wambli Luta Condon, Sungila Luta Condon, Naomi Rosellet, Mireya Nusbumber, Colton Gross, Brian Cope III, Lettie Ray Cope, and Kyler McGee. My Great Grandma Vera Espenlaub Schornhorst was such an amazing person. Accepting us children into her heart and family as if we were her own. She loved us children and actually gave us a chance when no one else in her life would. Related or not, she will forever be my Great Grandma. I love you, Vera! RIP Great Grandma.

Candace Condon - April 04, 2021 at 09:10 AM



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“ Here's son, Michael and. His wife, Candy Schornhorst, with their children, Tammy (Jason) Gross and Heidi (Jeremy) Denton. She was so very loved by her great grandchildren, Micheal Gross, Candace Condon, Dakota Gross, Chelsy McGuffey, Katie Curtis, Joseph Denton, and Hailey Denton. And she will be missed by her great, great grandchildren, Wambli Luta Condon, Sungila Luta Condon, Naomi Rosellet, Mireya Nusbumber, Colton Gross, Brian Cope III, Lettie Ray Cope, and Kyler McGee. My Great Grandma Vera Espenlaub Schornhorst was such an amazing person. Accepting us children into her heart and family as if we were her own. She loved us children and actually gave us a chance when no one else. In her life would. Related or not, she will forever be my Great Grandma. I love you, Vera! RIP Great Grandma.

Candace Condon - April 04, 2021 at 09:05 AM