



Betty Louise Hester

October 19, 1933 - February 20, 2025

Betty Louise Hester, age 91, of New Castle, passed away on February 20, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. She was born on October 19, 1933, to Charles and Stella (Hartman) Hickerson in Fleming County, Kentucky. As a child, Betty moved with her family to Indiana. She graduated from Anderson High School in 1952 and worked for the United States Recruitment Office in Anderson before meeting and marrying the love of her life, Dallas E. Hester on December 5, 1954. The couple settled and raised their family in Anderson, later ventured to Oklahoma and Arizona, then returned to Elwood, Indiana and finally retired closer to grandchildren in New Castle, Indiana. One of Betty's favorite seasons of life was working as a receptionist for Moser & Moser Optometrists. Betty loved books and was never far from an open one. She read thousands of novels and biographies and kept them in pristine condition-there was zero tolerance for dog-eared pages or torn covers. She kept a beautiful collection of St. Clair Glass, as well as

antique Milk Glass.

She enjoyed working puzzles, and she never turned down a bowl of ice cream!

Betty will be remembered as always being surrounded by photos of her loved ones. She always

had her camera handy and loved receiving pictures of her family as gifts-she'd spend hours

reminiscing with her photo albums. She loved baking sweets for family gatherings and her

Mexican Wedding Cakes were legendary and unimaginably good. If you asked her how she

made them so delicious she would say, "tender loving care."

Betty had the best sense of humor, always quick with a comeback, and she loved playing

practical jokes on her great grandchildren and making them laugh. Above all else, she will be

remembered as a loving, patient and caring wife, mother, and proud grandma to her

grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild.

Betty is survived by her devoted husband, Dallas; loving children, Kathy Terrell (Tom) and Mark

Hester; grandchildren, TJ Terrell (Stephanie), Josh Terrell (Kari), Stephen Hester, Kristie Dilly

(Roger), Danielle Crowthers (Eric), Christopher Hester; great-grandchildren, Courtney, Kayla,

Kelsey, Conner, Brody, Maddie, Addie, Jake, Jacob, Ryder, Kyler, Kamden; great-great

grandson, Branch; sister, Shirley Retherford (Alan); In-laws, Donna Walsh, James Hester

(Marcie), Rita Beaty (Bob Pearson), as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Morris Hickerson (Virginia); three sisters, Mildred Myers (Vance), Violet Whitesel (Ivan), Ruth Stevens (Bob); and daughter-in law Patti Hester.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled with family at a later date. Services are entrusted to

Loose Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be given to the family in care of
at www.loosecares.com.

Tribute Wall



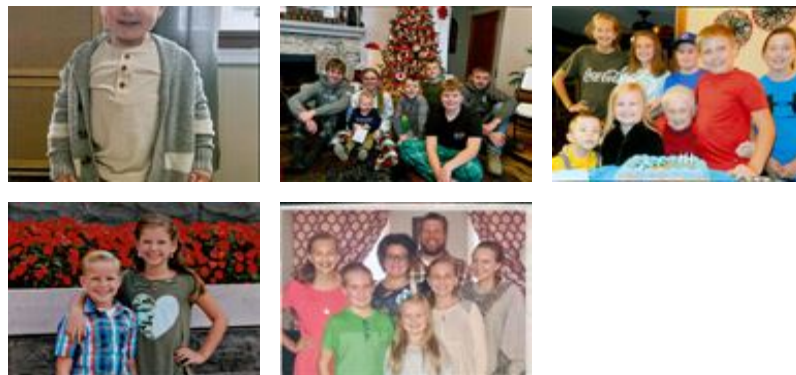
“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Louise Hester*



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“ *I have so many wonderful childhood memories of Betty and her family as neighbors. My thoughts and prayers are with Dallas, Kathy, Mark and the entire family.*

Margie Irwin - February 26, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Todd, Maria and Kylie Terrell and Tyler. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Betty Louise Hester.*



Todd, Maria and Kylie Terrell and Tyler. - February 25, 2025 at 10:36 PM

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“ So hard to accept that she is gone; but those who loved her are relieved that the physical suffering she endured in the last few years of her life has been relieved. I can vouch for her love of reading, and also her “legendary” Mexican wedding cakes. I have been accused of consuming more of them per minute than any of her ravenous nephews, and I plead guilty. She will always be my favorite Aunt. So sorry for Dal, Kathy, Mark, Danielle and the rest of the family for this loss. Praying for peace and comfort for each of you. See you soon. Love, Dave.

David Retherford - February 25, 2025 at 06:58 PM

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“ What a beautiful, sweet, lovely lady Betty was! Always had a smile 😍 Heaven is blessed with a beautiful angel 🙏 Our thoughts and prayers are with the family!

Ace & Vickie Dudley - February 25, 2025 at 05:04 PM