



Catherine Edith Rinker

April 19, 1921 - April 14, 2012

Catherine Katie Edith Rinker was born on April 19, 1921 in Anderson, Indiana. She founded "The Topper Barber Shop" in 1956, where she cut hair for over 55 years until the weeks leading up to her death. On April 14, Katie went to be with the Lord as a result of complications from a massive stroke. Katie lived life to the fullest, with a positive "go-getter" attitude and a smile on her face. She was nothing short of simplistic, sweet, sassy, silly and made friends everywhere she went. She was kind, generous, fun, and full of life - a beautiful person who will be missed by everyone whose hearts she touched. Katie was preceded in death by her parents, Samule and Gladys Rinker, adopted sister, Mary Lou Griffey; adopted mother, Edna Griffey; 3 sisters, Hubberta Rhoades, Ida Stewart, Melvina Gentry; and 5 brothers, Fred, Clarence, Daniel, Samule, and Basil Rinker. She is survived by her sister-in-law Rosemary Griffey; nieces, Penny Ables, and Lisa Haller; nephew, Michael Haller, great nephews, "Lights of her Life" Blake and Cole Haller, countless other nieces/nephews; and many friends. A "Celebration of Life" will be held to honor Katie at Madison Park Church of God in Anderson on April 29 at 2PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to "The Miriam Project" in memory of Katie Rinker, P.O. Box #2479 Anderson, IN 46018. From Lisa, Blake and your little "Coley Bear" on your special day..."Happy Birthday In Heaven Aunt Katie, We Love You!" www.LooseCares.com

Tribute Wall

DF

“ My condolences at the loss of a very special lady. She cut my brother, Mike Fullington's hair from the time he was 6 years old 1956 and he always thought of her fondly as one of his childhood memories...going to Katie's shop!

Diana Fullington-Caves - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ May Katie's family find comfort in your loving memories, and solace in your heart. While grief at the loss of Katie is great, joy at receiving her back in the resurrection will be greater. Mark 5:42 With deepest sympathy,

valerie thompson - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ We love and miss you. Mac and Janet Happy Birthday.

Mac and Janet Judd - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Katie was our barber for the last 35 years. Our son is 35 & only had a few haircuts anywhere else when she was not available. She was a friend & like family. We will miss her.

Robert Fox - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I know your loss is great, but I hope you feel the love for Aunt Katie and for your family in the days ahead to comfort you through the transition of living with Aunt Katie in your heart instead of in your daily life.

Dawn Neihart - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Katie. My Dad always got his hair cut at The Topper. When my son was old enough, he received his first haircut at the shop. She even stayed with me a few times when my mother, Irene Webb, had to work at the hospital. Her smile would light up a room! God bless all of you.

Bethany Webb Bryant - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM