



## Charlene Estelle Branch

July 13, 1939 - March 11, 2020

Charlene Estelle Branch, 80, of Anderson, passed away on March 11, 2020, at Tidewell Hospice, Port Charlotte, FL.

She was born on July 13, 1939, in Salina, Kansas, the daughter of William and La Tricia Hite.

Charlene graduated from Salina High School in 1957.

She married Richard Branch on December 26, 1958, to whom she was married 53 years. Charlene had lived in Salina, Kansas at Schilling Air Force Base, then lived in Moses Lake, Washington at Larson Air Force Base. She then established her permanent home in Anderson, IN after Richard was discharged from the military service.

She retired as a registered nurse, having worked for Community Hospital of Anderson for 30 years where she had helped name the New Generation Birth Place, and St. Johns Hospital for 5 years. She had stated that "a part of me will always be at Community Hospital."

After retirement, her and her husband Dick delivered campers across the United States, visited all 50 states, and she was very proud of having stuck her foot in all of the Great Lakes.

Charlene was a member of Whetstone Church and was an Alpha Rho Master of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She was also involved in T.O.P.S. where she had won several awards, and several card clubs in which she enjoyed playing Pinochle, Euchre, and Bridge.

Charlene is survived by her siblings, Eugene Morris (Jane) Hite and Barbara (Ed) Hite-Cox; son, Robert Branch; daughter Laura (Dan) Bartlett; granddaughters, Courtney Bartlett, Stephanie Bartlett, Katie (Tim) Gobler, and Hannah Bartlett; great-grandchildren, Noah Bartlett, William Gobler, and Edan McKay; brother's-in-Law, Larry Branch and Bill Meek; several cousins, nieces, and nephews; special friend, Richard Craig; special family friends, David, Sandy, Brian, Brenda, and Brad Newman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard Branch; sister's-in-law, Pat Branch, Sandy Meek, Sylvia Branch, and Wendy Hite.

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic that we are currently facing, and for the protection of the public, a private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Burial will take place at Anderson Memorial Park.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Charlene was a great lady and will be missed by our Bridge group and was a great player.*

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**Phyllis Wilkinson** - March 19, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ *On behalf of the St. Vincent Anderson Nursing Honor Guard, we extend our deepest condolences to Charlene's family. Her light will go on shining into the future by the lives she touched in her chosen profession. I knew her personally and I loved her keen skills as as nurse and her sharp wit. R.I.P. good and faithful servant.*

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**Jan Bronnenberg RN** - March 18, 2020 at 07:59 PM