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Loretta M. Bedel, age 91 of Morris, died Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at her residence. Born September 4, 1923 in Ripley County Indiana, she is the daughter of Emma (Nee: Timmerman) and Edward Merkel. She married Sylvester Bedel August 4, 1951 at St. Anthony's Church in Morris and he preceded her in death on January 25, 2000. A homemaker, she also was a member of St. Anthony's Church, St. Anthony's Ladies Sodality, the Morris Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and a former 4-H Leader.

Loretta's faith was important to her. Very devout, her family cannot remember a time she missed church. She devoted countless hours to helping with church functions, the Ladies Sodality and supporting Right to Life. According to her family she was an excellent cook and baker with her coffee cakes and pumpkin pies among their favorites. She enjoyed sharing her pie baking skills with her daughters and grandchildren. Also a very good seamstress and quilter, Loretta would teach the girls to sew as well. She liked playing cards, often games of Rummy with the grandchildren and loved gardening. The house was filled with plants and flowers she nurtured and for years tended to a large garden to help feed her family.

She is survived by daughters Margarita Case of Morris, Betty Frey and Mary Jean Wessel, both of Batesville; son Richard Bedel of West Harrison, Indiana; 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she is also preceded in death by her son Joseph Bedel; grandson Rob Wessel; sister Edna Retzner; brothers Paul, Fred, Herman, Urban, Martin and Edward Merkel and Anthony Etter.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 6th, from 4 - 7 p.m. with a rosary service at 3:45 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday, February 7th, at St. Anthony's Church followed by burial in the church cemetery. The family requests memorials be made to St. Anthony's Haiti Ministry or to Right to Life.



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Jl

Jaime Of Pf Illinois. posted:

My heartfelt condolences. May the God of all comfort be with all Loretta's family and friends during this time of intense grief and always. (2 cor 1:3,4). I'm so sorry for your loss. (1 cor 15:22,26).

March 29 at 8:00 PM

Jl

Joan (Merkel) Cossell Of Carmel, Indiana posted:

Margarita, Betty, Mary Jean, and Richard. I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Loretta's passing. We were out of state when she passed away and unable to make it back in time for her funeral. I have been keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. She was a great aunt and when dad died, my children loved the stories she told about him. We had wonderful times at your parents house growing up. The Merkel family is together again in heaven.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

JM

Jan Wespiser Of Ft. Myers, Fl posted:

So very sorry for your loss. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you. Jan Wespiser

February 8 at 8:00 PM

RG

Rita & Art Gross Of Greenwood In posted:

Margarita, Betty, Mary Jean, and Richard, We were so sorry to hear about Aunt Loretta. I am sure she is in Heaven partying with her brothers and sister. . We will all miss her smile and laugh. I'm sorry we cannot be with you at this time of sorrow as we will be out of state, but you and your families will be in our thoughts and prayer. Love and prayers, Rita

February 4 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Loretta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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