



Doris A. Brelage

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Doris A. Brelage, age 65 of Batesville, Indiana, died Saturday, October 18, 2008, at the Hendricks Regional Hospital in Danville, Indiana. Born June 13, 1943 in Ripley County Indiana, she is the daughter of Bernadine (Nee: Raver) and Roman Federle. She married Jerry Brelage August 1, 1970 at St. Nicholas Church in Sunman, Indiana. Doris was a Registered Nurse who began her working career at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio and spent the last 37 years with Margaret Mary Hospital in Batesville. She began her career at Margaret Mary as Director of Nursing then served as Head of Surgical Nursing and in later years was the Director of Infection Control for the hospital. Her family teased her about starting at the top and working her way down. She was also the first female member of the Batesville E.M.S. Life Squad. She was a member of St. Louis Church, serving as leader of nursing ministry for the parish and was also a past parish council member. Doris was very talented and enjoyed several interests. She liked knitting which led her to pick up cross stitching and sewing and she created beautiful afghans and quilts, as well as clothing. Her sewing skills won her a blue ribbon at this year's state fair. In addition to her volunteer efforts locally, she and Jerry made four trips to Nicaragua in recent years on educational ministries to help improve the quality of life for the locals. While she focused on teaching procedures to improve their health, she also wanted to share her love of knitting with them and had just recently arranged to have 300 pounds of yarn delivered to them. Doris also enjoyed cards and especially Bridge. She and several of her friends have been part of a card club for years, enjoying many evenings of spirited competition and lively conversation. Doris is survived by her husband Jerry; sons Craig of Danville, Indiana, Todd of Neenah, Wisconsin; sisters Janet Sturwold and Marilyn Erfman, both of St. Peter's Indiana; brother Don Federle of Morris, Indiana and granddaughter Taylor Brelage. She is preceded in death by her parents. Visitation is Wednesday, October 22nd, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral



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home with a rosary service at 3:45 p.m. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Thursday, October 23rd, at St. Louis Church with Rev. Dennis Duvelius and Rev. Michael O'Meara officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The family requests memorials to the Nursing Scholarship Fund of Margaret Mary Hospital.



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MM

Mindy Rodgers Of Martinsville posted:

Craig and family, my deepest sympathies at this tragic loss. We cannot know God's plan for us but I pray that He will strengthen and sustain you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

November 5 at 8:00 PM

GF

Gary And Barbara Abplanalp Of Orlando, Florida posted:

Our deepest sympathy to your family. May God Bless Gary and Barbara Abplanalp

October 28 at 8:00 PM

BV

Barbara Barnhorst Ralsten Of Valencia, Ca posted:

To the family of Doris, my sympathies to all who will miss her dearly. I spent many school years with Doris, and I know the great sadness of losing a family member. God bless all of you. Barbara Ralsten

October 24 at 8:00 PM

SN

Stephanee King Of Neenah, Wi posted:

Dear Jackie and Todd and Brelage Family-"Wishing you comfort in friendship and hope in prayer."

October 24 at 8:00 PM

JL

Judy And Bob Mott Of Pelican Lake, Wi posted:

Jerry, Todd and Jackie; Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you face this very unexpected and tragic event in your lives. If there is anything we can do to help please call.

October 22 at 8:00 PM

SI

Sherron French Of Indianapolis, Indiana posted:

Craig, my prayers go out to you and your family at the lost of your mom. May God continue to comfort you and your family. Sherron French

October 22 at 8:00 PM



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Jl

Jim And Sally Widener Of Batesville, Indiana Usa posted:

So Sorry Jerry and Family . She Was a Great Lady and an asset to the community. We Will all miss her very much and will keep you all in out Prayers.

October 22 at 8:00 PM

Cl

Cindy Obermeyer-Lamping Of Batesville, Indiana posted:

Brelage Family,My heart goes out to all of you through this difficult time. Craig, It seems like yesterday it was basketball season and I spoke with your parents about how you were doing and wanting them to tell you, "hi" the next time they seen you. I want you to know if you ever need to talk I will listen. Keep the memories close to you that is were you get through the roughest times. God bless you all!Cindy (Obermeyer) Lamping

October 22 at 8:00 PM

CW

Carol Mancl Of Neenah, Wisconsin posted:

I'm so very sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers. Safe travels to each of you.....Carol Mancl

October 21 at 8:00 PM

DH

Dan And Juanita Frankfurth Of Hortonville, Wi posted:

Dear Brelage FamilyWe are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Todd and Jackie, please let Juanita and I know if there is anything that we can do to help.God's Blessing to you allDan And Juanita

October 21 at 8:00 PM

MM

Mildred Torrealba Of Baltimore,Md posted:

Dear Jerry,My thoughts and my prayers are with you and your family. It was such a pleasure to have known you and Doris when Brad and Ale married, and then in Los Roques. May God give you the strength while you journey through this time of sorrow.Mildred

October 21 at 8:00 PM



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EM

Eldon, Louise Morehouse Of Muncie, In posted:

Jerry:We were saddened to hear of your wife's untimely death. Our prayers are focused on you as you and your children work through the separation.

October 21 at 8:00 PM

SC

Steve Ross Of Morrisville, N.C. posted:

Craig, I am so sorry for your mother's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

October 20 at 8:00 PM

MI

Malinda Cesnik Of Indianapolis posted:

Craig, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

October 20 at 8:00 PM

RF

Randy And Vanessa Ellis Of Florida posted:

Jerry, I wish I knew the right words to say. I am in total disbelief! Know that although we won't be there for the services we will be there in heart and spirit. I hope that maybe all of us from the office can plant the mums we are sending and have dinner sometime and talk. Take care and God Bless.
Randy and Vanessa

October 20 at 8:00 PM

R4

Ron And Sally Raver Of Batesville, In 47006 posted:

Jerry and family:I wish I had the words to express our sorrow in the loss of Doris. She helped me so much through the years with helpful hints on ways to improve my life living with arthritis. Also, the last couple years she helped me in Cardiac Rehab and we also enjoyed her at breakfast on Sundays with the Struewings and Nobbes and on Wednesdays with the whole gang. When we get back home we will try to sit down some time and talk to you. Be sure to come to breakfast with us again when the time is right. InI sorrow,Ron and Sally Raver

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EH

Eileen Hare posted:

Todd and Jackie, Thinking of you during this difficult time. Eileen Hare

October 20 at 8:00 PM

RG

Roy Ballard Of Greenfield, In posted:

Jerry...so very sorry for your loss. Roy

October 20 at 8:00 PM

SK

Sue Fortman Of Lake Santee Kiwanis posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go with you and your family knowing that Doris will always be looking over all of you. Lake Santee Kiwanis Greensburg, IN

October 19 at 8:00 PM

LG

Lisa Hart Gray Of Georgia posted:

Craig, I'm so sorry I can't be there for you, but I know that you've got lots of support with your family and friends around you. I can only imagine the pain you are feeling right now - just let your family and friends take care of you right now. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Lots of love, Lisa

October 19 at 8:00 PM

PN

Peggy Olson Of Neenah, Wi posted:

Your family have my deepest sympathy, my thoughts and prayers will be with you during this time. Always Peggy Olson

October 19 at 8:00 PM

AA

Alexandra Garcia Of Arlington, Va posted:

Dear Jerry and Family - We are all so sorry and devastated to receive this sad & sudden news. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you. Doris will be missed by everyone in the Fabretto Family - especially the children. With my sincerest condolences - Alex

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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CC

Carol & Jordan Ford Of Chester, South Carolina posted:

Jordan and I are expecially saddened by the death of Doris. We wish the family our deepest condolences.Jerry, know that God will uphold you at this time. Love, Carol & Jordan Ford

October 19 at 8:00 PM

MH

Mary Jo Heppner posted:

jerry, so very sorry to learn of doris, untimely death. She was always so helpful whenever I needed info regarding nursing.She truly was a wonderful person. You and your family will be in my prayers. Sincerely Mary Jo

October 19 at 8:00 PM

KB

Kelly Meyer Of Batesville posted:

Jerry and Family ...This is a most difficult time as you must let your beloved wife, caring mother and loving grandmother depart. Be assured that God has more important "plans"for your loved one in His Kingdom. Accept Our Deepest Sympathy upon the untimely passing of your life long partner. Al and Kelly ...

October 19 at 8:00 PM

SS

Shelley & Jim Hutchek Of Speedway, In posted:

Todd & Jackie, Jerry, & Craig,We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom & wife. Our hearts go out to you. May God's love & healing touch help you through this difficult time.Shelley & Jim Hutchek & family

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CI

Chris Nobbe Of Aurora, Indiana posted:

Jerry, Craig, and Todd, I wish to offer my deepest condolences on the loss of Doris. I will always think of her as a very nice woman who would always offer words of encouragement after a football game or wrestling match. Jerry, I enjoyed running into you and Doris a time or two when back in Batesville. You were always both so eager to talk and catch up. Thanks for being great people! Certainly keep strong in the knowledge that God's true purpose may only be revealed when we enter into eternity ourselves, but remember that He is always love. Doris will certainly be waiting in Heaven to once again share her love with her family. Until then, may God put His grace and mercy upon your family during this time of sorrow.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

SB

Sheila (Wissel) Kieffer Of Batesville, In posted:

Craig and family, my deepest sympathies in the loss of your mother. Sheila

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JG

Jenell (Narwold) Schroeder Of Greensburg posted:

Jerry & Family: So sorry for your loss. Doris was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. I remember when I was expecting our first child back in 1975 Doris was teaching lamaze classes at MMCH and I wasn't able to make the classes, she had me come to your house one or two nights a week and taught me privately. May God bless all of you and comfort you in your time of sorrow. Jenell

October 19 at 8:00 PM

JA

Jon & Denise Berge Of Appleton, Wi posted:

Todd and family, we are so very sad to hear of your great loss, and offer our sympathy and love as you mourn. Your mother and her work was inspiring to many people - she undoubtedly touched many lives. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers, and ask you to please call or write if there is ANYTHING that we can help out with. With our love, ~ Jon and Denise ~

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TI

Theresa Meyer Of Versailles,Indiana posted:

sorry to here about your wife and your and your family have are sympathies if the lost of your love one.I work with doris at the hospital in batesville a long time ago.theresa james and crystal meyer. just talk to here and the picnic at church .

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TA

The Harts Of Appleton, Wi posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family during this very difficult time.Mike, Jen, Charlie, Hannah & Tanner Hart

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BI

Bj Fields Of Indianapolis, Indiana posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Doristragic death. My thoughts are with the Brelage family right now. I know Jerry because he serves on Farm Bureau's State Honeybee Advisory Committee. Doris will be deeply missed.BJ

October 19 at 8:00 PM

JS

Judy Smay posted:

Craig,My heart goes out to you and your family at this time of devastating loss. Mere words are inadequate. From experience, I do know this: only belief in God and time will alleviate the heartache you feel now while cherished memories of your loving and accomplished mother will remain in your heart forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

CC

Carolyn Denton Of Columbia, Mo posted:

Jerry and family,How my heart sank when I read the email from Jerry Schafer sent to the group. So wish I could put my arms around you and share in your grieving. Tears well up in my eyes as I write this. May God give you the strength and comfort to go on living. You certainly will have good memories to lean on as we do too.Hugs!Carolyn (Sadie)

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TW

Tony Devine Of Appleton, Wisconsin posted:

To the Brelage Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to your family.

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TI

Tony Koors Of Indianapolis posted:

Very sorry for your loss, I pray you'll feel God's comfort & strength during this difficult time.

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DW

Dianne Marquardt Of Appleton, Wisconsin posted:

Todd and Jackie, I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers during this very difficult time.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

DC

Dennis Burkholder Of Forest City, Ia posted:

Jerry and family- Our sympathy goes out to you. Dennis and Bev Burkholder

October 19 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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