



Mary Jane Wernke

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Mary Jane Wernke, age 87 of Batesville, died Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at Margaret Mary Hospital. Born October 4, 1923 in Ripley Co. Indiana, she is the daughter of Carrie Schumacker Wintz. She married Alfred Wernke Sr. on September 12, 1945 at St. Louis Church and he preceded her in death December 4, 1994. Mary Jane was a police dispatcher for Batesville Police Department 37 years before retiring. She was a member of St. Louis Church, St. Louis Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary Drill Team. Mary Jane dearly loved her children and grandchildren. The grandchildren loved their grandma as well and visited often. She enjoyed her job as dispatcher and the officers became part of her extended family. Many continued to visit her after her retirement. To say Mary Jane liked Bingo would be an understatement. After retiring she went regularly and usually in tandem with her bingo buddies. Thursday night at St. Louis was a favorite spot, especially since the bingo committee made such a fuss over her. She also played "500" in various card clubs throughout the years. Her family explained that mom was an excellent cleaner. Neat and tidy would be appropriate descriptions and she'd let them know if their efforts weren't up to standards. She preferred watching animal shows on T.V. and watched a lot of National Geographic as well. Mary Jane also liked watching sports and was an avid Cincinnati Reds and I.U. basketball fan. She is survived by daughters and son-in-laws Theresa and Joseph Wallpe of Evansville, Indiana, Deborah and Ken Wanstrath of Batesville, Mary Wernke of Batesville; sons and daughter-in-law Alfred Wernke Jr. of Batesville, Robert and Ann Wernke of Batesville; 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents and daughter-in-law Mary Jane Hoelker Wernke. Visitation is Saturday, February 5th, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services follow at 11:30 a.m. at St. Louis Church with Rev. Stephen Akange officiating. Burial will



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follow in the church cemetery. The family requests memorials to St. Louis School Tuition Angels.



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RE

Ron Dietz Of Elkhart, In posted:

To the Wernke Family:Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. However, the memory of your mom will always be with me personally for the rest of my life. She was an additional mom for me as I grew up. May she rest in peace.Ron Dietz Family

February 3 at 8:00 PM

MS

Mike & Janet Schumacher posted:

Please accept our sympathy at the passing of your mother. We are sorry that we cannot extend our sympathy in person as we are out of town.Mike and Janet

February 1 at 8:00 PM

TM

Tom Dietz Of Kalamazoo Michigan posted:

Al, Theresa, Debbie, Mary, and Bob:Thinking of you at this time and, as your card on Mom's flowers said this summer, neighbors never forget. A sad occasion like this brings back many memories from long ago.Tom and Sharon

February 1 at 8:00 PM

JO

John, Lu Ann And Zoe Of Cincinnati, Ohio posted:

Debbie and Family -Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

February 1 at 8:00 PM

RB

Roger Dietz Of Batesville posted:

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I have good memories of your mother growing up. She was a wonderful person and always seemed to have a smile on her face. The old neighborhood has lost some good people lately. I am sure our mothers our in heaven talking about old times. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family's at this time. Roger & Debbie Dietz and Jason

February 1 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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