



Thelma R. Blanken

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Thelma R. Blanken, age 84 of Batesville, died Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Margaret Mary Health. Born September 24, 1933 in Batesville, she is the daughter of Hilda (Nee: Billman) and Henry Riehle. She married Ralph Blanken June 18, 1955 at St. Louis Church and he preceded her in death January 16, 2009. Thelma and Ralph were owners of the Poppers and Nobby Clothing Stores in Brookville and Batesville for over 20 years before retiring in 2000. She was also a member of St. Louis Church and the Daughters of Isabella.

Relationships were important to Thelma. She treasured her family and was a good friend as well. She stayed in contact with former employees from the stores who became “adopted” family. After retiring, she and a group of friends regularly met for breakfast and being fond of Bridge, Thelma belonged to a card club that also met regularly.

She is survived by her daughter Beth Chilson of Ft. Collins, Colorado; son Roger Blanken of New York, New York; sister Ruth Moorman of Batesville and five grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she is also preceded in death by her brother Larry Riehle.

Visitation is Friday, June 29th, from 5 – 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday, June 30th at St. Louis Church with Rev. Stan Pondo officiating, followed by burial in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Louis School or the Parkinson’s Foundation.

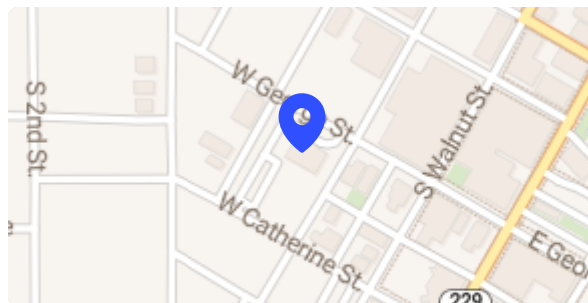


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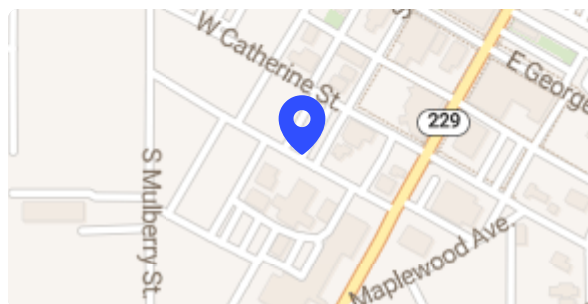
Visitation

- Friday**, June 29, 2018
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Weigel Funeral Home**
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



Service

- Saturday**, June 30, 2018
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Louis Church**
13 St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006



Cemetery Details

- St. Louis Cemetery**
Batesville IN





Tribute Wall

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LF

Lori Feldbauer posted:

I really enjoyed golfing with Thelma at Hillcrest. She was a very nice lady and was fun to be around. My deepest sympathy to the Blanken family. - Lori Feldbauer

June 29 at 8:17 AM

DN

Donna Niehoff posted:

Thelma was such a genuine lady who I enjoyed getting to know through our Daughters of Isabella circle. I'm sorry that I will be out of town and unable to pay her my last respects. Sympathy and prayers to her family

June 29 at 5:48 AM

GA

Gerry Asher posted:

Thelma, was always fun to talk with and truly enjoyed sharing time with her friends. I will miss her weekly visits with me at the shop and our conversations while I did her hair. She loved her visits from her children and grandchildren. Our community has lost a wonderful lady. Beth and Roger I will be praying that your love and memories of your Mother will be comforting because she loved you both dearly! God is so good all the time, because Wednesday proved his love for his children, when he brought Beth to be with her Mother when he called her to her heavenly home.

June 28 at 5:41 PM

JB

Jean Beckley June 29 at 8:54 AM

My sympathy to Roger, Beth and families and my prayers as well. Thelma was always a pleasure to talk to and my mom especially enjoyed spending time with her and Ruth. May happy memories of her surround you all. Jean Beckley

JH

Joan Hillenbrand June 29 at 7:23 AM

Thelma was a smart amazing woman always ready to help as she did for pat b. and i to create the margaret mary gift shop roger and beth were a tribute to ralph and thelma. our deepest sympathy. joan and john hillenbrand



Memories only last if you share them

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



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