



Loretta A. "Pete" Kinker

February 17, 1929 - January 20, 2020

Loretta A. "Pete" Kinker, age 90 of Batesville, died Monday, January 20, 2020 at Morning Breeze in Greensburg. Born February 17, 1929 in Decatur County Indiana, she is the daughter of Anna (Nee: Duvelius) and Harry Kinker. She was a member of St. Catherine of Sienna Church Enochsburg Campus and St. Louis Church.

Affectionately known as Pete, she was born with Cerebral Palsy. Although she spent quite a bit of her early years back and forth at Riley's Children's Hospital, she never let her limitations slow her down. She was the official babysitter for many of her nieces and nephews. Loretta had a feisty personality and enjoyed rough housing with them. Able to get them into a headlock, they teased that she had a "mean right hook." She treasured time with family. As her parents aged, she took care of them as well as the chores around the house. Loretta was very devout, attending church and praying the rosary daily. Eventually her health prevented her from going to church but, she never missed it on T.V. Bingo and playing cards were favorite pastimes while sitting on a swing enjoying an occasional glass of wine or a margarita was relaxing.

Loretta is survived by her sister Rosemary Cook of Batesville, brother Louis Kinker of Enochsburg and numerous nieces and nephews who were a significant part of her life. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by sisters Julia Pumphrey, Margaret Mollaun, Leona Moeller, Virginia Heck and brother Omer Kinker.

Visitation is Saturday, January 25th, from 9 – 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna Church at Enochsburg. Funeral services follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Bill Ehalt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family requests memorials to Riley's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

St. Catherine's of Siena Enochsburg

9995 East Base Road
Greensburg, IN 47240

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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“ This woman was very special! I always looked forward to visiting Grandma and Grandpa Kinker and "Pete", there was always plenty to do on the farm, the old homestead. Many times we'd gather with all of the Aunts and Uncles and cousins and have a big meal and us kids would be running around and sometimes get into mischief. If Pete caught us she would give us a tongue lashing and tell us we ought not to be doing that. Yes she had a physical handicap, but she didn't let that stop her from doing anything. She was a hard worker and helped to take care of things around the house. Nothing stopped her! While all of us kids sometimes gave her a hard time, we all truly loved her warm heart and kind soul and she made us all feel right at home when we were around her. While distance separated us over the years I had the privilege of spending some quality time with her a couple of years ago along with my mother Julia, her sister, and Uncle Omer, both who are no longer with us. We sure had great time, it was full of laughter. It is a fond memory I will forever cherish but my belief is that I will see this wonderful woman once again when this earth is transformed into a beautiful paradise with no more sickness, old age or death! All things will be made new and we will no longer mourn for our loved ones. I look forward to that day when she awakens from death and sees this beautiful earth just as God meant for it to be, a beautiful paradise earth where righteousness will dwell. Love you "Pete", you will be missed!

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