



Betty E. Hankins

July 7, 1928 - September 19, 2011

Betty E. Hankins, 83, of Fort Wayne, died at 9:42 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hankins was born on July 7, 1928, in Marion to Ted and Sarah “Pauline” (Reed) Barley. She married Dozier C. Mills in 1950 and they were married until 1958. She married Joseph Hall in 1960; he preceded her in death 12 days after their marriage. She married Howard Hankins in 1961; he preceded her in death in 1982.

A 1947 graduate of Marion High School, she served in the United States Navy in the Korean War from 1949 to 1950. She played on the women’s basketball team in the navy, scoring 47 points in one game. She was recruited to play for the All American Red Heads, but decided to start a family. She was a member of ladies baseball and basketball teams in Marion.

She worked at Corning Glass in Bluffton from 1968 to 1983. She was a former member of the American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton and the Bluffton Elks Lodge.

She enjoyed drawing and always entered exhibits in the Bluffton Street Fair Art Show.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Debra K. Mills of Ashley and Connie S. Mills-Hockenberry of Alabama; two brothers, William (Mary) T. Barley of Marion and James R. (Mary) Barley of Scottsburg; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hankins was also preceded in death by a sister, Jacqueline Barley.

Calling hours will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at the funeral home, with Certified Funeral Celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial is at Fairview Cemetery, in Bluffton. Military graveside honors will be performed by the American Legion Post 111 and the United States Navy Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences: www.thomarich.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty E. Hankins*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Betty was always in a good mood when we talked. We will miss her laugh, still have the drawings she made for my son 25 years ago. May she rest in peace. She was a true friend, and a sweet lady.##imported-begin##Barry & Tammy Milholland##imported-end##*

September 25, 2011 at 09:35 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, May she rest in peace.. I will keep the Hockenberry family in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time..##imported-begin##Margaret Butler##imported-end##*

September 23, 2011 at 08:27 PM



“ *What a fine lady. We knew Betty from Corning Glass. She was a good friend to my mother in law Carolyn Thomas.##imported-begin##Bob and Nancy Donahoe##imported-end##*

September 22, 2011 at 05:34 PM



“ You were our cornerstone, our beacon of light, and I never got the opportunity to sew your SG “Super Gram” cape. You always pulled it together in our time of need. I learned so much from you. You helped me earn my driver’s license, shaped my work ethic, and loved me unconditionally. Your BZ-DO-LISTS were never ending. We only want more time from each other to create more memories. You were constant, you were stubborn, and you were my home. You were more than just a grandmother; you were my best friend, my mother and my mentor. I proudly inherited “The Barley Bull”. This is not goodbye; this is until we meet again because I really want to give you a hug. So if I call 824-3857, will ya answer me Gram? Love & Miss you, B

If anyone would like a see a comedic YouTube movie about Betty
www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqopjmh20I##imported-begin##Belinda "Bee" Hockenberry##imported-end##

September 22, 2011 at 04:56 PM



“ To Mom, miss you so much already. It hurts so much when it hits me that you're gone. None of us look forward to Friday when we see you in your pretty blue coffin. Yet we know that you'll never be too far away. You've always been there for us and you always will be. Love you so much Mom. Tell our departed loved ones "Hello".##imported-begin##Connie Sue Mills (Hockenberry)##imported-end##

September 21, 2011 at 09:50 PM



“ I love you Gram. I will never forget you. Grandpa is holding and dancing with you.##imported-begin##Angela Hockenberry##imported-end##

September 21, 2011 at 09:24 PM



“ Aunt Betty,

You will be missed by everyone. You were one of the kindest people to ever walk this earth and your sense of humor was wonderful. We will never forget all of the artwork that you produced and shared either.

May you rest in peace with the Lord.

Love, Sally and the Barley family##imported-begin##Sally Barley Hoffman##imported-end##

September 21, 2011 at 10:16 AM