



## Hilda F. Gutwein

June 7, 1932 - October 27, 2021

Hilda F. Gutwein, 89 of Bluffton, was welcomed into the arms of her Heavenly Father and Savior on Wednesday morning, October 27, 2021, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Hilda was born on June 7, 1932 in Cervenka, Yugoslavia to Ludwig & Luisa (Koch) Welker. As a young girl, Hilda's family was forced to leave their homeland and become refugees in Austria. She obtained a Doctorate of Dentistry in Piesendorf, Austria. She received her cosmetology degree while living in Lafayette. Hilda worked as a Dental Technician, restaurant and hotel owner / operator for decades.

Hilda married Erven D. Gutwein on June 13, 1959 in Lafayette. They shared 32 years before he preceded her in death on March 6, 1991.

Hilda was an active member of Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton and volunteered for many years at the Bargin Hut, the food bank, and Forgotten Children Worldwide.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn E. (James J.) Kazmierzak of Fort Wayne and a granddaughter, Ellie Kazmierzak, all of Fort Wayne. She also leaves behind a sister, Julia (Welker) Baumann of Mansfield, OH, a twin sister, Luisa (Welker) Bratt of Warrenton, MO., a sister-in-law, Gertrude Welker of Winamac and nieces & nephews; G. Christl Nahrath and Louisa Jordan, both of Milwaukee, WI., Norman Welker and Gery Welker, both of Winamac, Ronald Baumann and Marlene Baumann of Mansfield OH. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and siblings; Christian

Welker, Gisela (Welker) Roth, Edward Welker, Conrad Welker and Ludwig Welker, Jr.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Burial will take place at the Roseland Cemetery in Francesville, Indiana. Memorial may be made in Hilda's memory to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Forgotten Children Worldwide, and can be sent to the funeral home. Hilda's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Roseland Cemetery**

Francesville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hilda F. Gutwein*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Hilda was such a hard, cheerful worker the years that we volunteered together at the Wells County Food Bank and The Bargain Hut. Remembering a funny yet caring time when we were volunteering, someone pretended to not understand the English language and Hilda told that person that she had to learn our language and if she could they could as well! She always had a Prayer in her heart and cared so much about people. She was a jewel!*



*BJ Gray*

**BJ Gray** - November 12, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Hilda will be greatly missed. She was a prayer warrior and a very good Christian lady. Terry and I enjoyed playing cards and hearing her different stories of her life and she always had God with her. Sorry for your loss Dawn, Jim and Ellie. Cherish your good memories of a beautiful strong lady. She is dancing in heaven.*  
*Terry and Gloria Gilbert*

**Gloria Gilbert** - November 04, 2021 at 07:27 PM

KN

“ She was such a blessing to talk to, always wore a smile, and always made sure she let you know you were remembered. She spoke with such kindness. She had such a sweet soul. She’s Home now. Hallelujah! Thank the Lord for Salvation.

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**Kelly N.** - November 03, 2021 at 04:42 PM

DM

“ Mom Hilda was a surrogate mother to so many of us💕 She gifted everyone with her wisdom, warm loving hugs and smiles...not to mention her cookies with the secret recipe that only Hilda could make. Everyone who met her could never forget her. She carried many of our burdens in prayer as if they were her own. As my own mom has required my 24/7 care for the last few years I have missed time spent with Hilda. My mom is in hospice now and I keenly feel the loss of my other “Mom”. As the time passed I always thought there would be more time to play cards and chat with Hilda into the wee hours. Heaven is a more beautiful place because of her presence but our world will be so much sadder without her Sonshine. I love you, Dawn, and I’m so very sorry. 💕 Deb Miller McConiga

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**Deborah Miller McConiga** - November 02, 2021 at 11:44 AM

GH

“ I did not know Hilda personally but heard her speak a few years ago. She was phenomenal with her stories of the coming Nazi invasion in her country comparing it to the United States. God truly saved her miraculously for "such a time as this"! I remember her words often and wonder if I could ever be as strong as she in the face of such adversity. I thank God for her life and the chance to hear her speak plus read her book. Hilda will not be forgotten and I pray for the family and all who knew her. I pray your memories will be bring you comfort and peace in the days and weeks ahead.  
God Bless,  
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

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**Glennis Henly** - November 01, 2021 at 03:29 PM

SD

“ Many years ago I got to meet two lovely women, Hilda and Dawn Gutwein, and we shared many pleasant moments together. Now, as Hilda has gone to be with Jesus, I pray God's peace that passes understanding over you, Dawn, Jim and Ellie. I am thankful for Hilda's life.



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**Sue Freds Dowling** - November 01, 2021 at 01:40 AM



“ Craig and I adored getting to know Hilda while sitting beside her at church. My kids and I worked on her landscaping for a couple summers. We all enjoyed spending time with her. My daughter did a video interview of her for history class 2 years ago. Her stories were extraordinary!! We thought the world of Hilda. □

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**Erin Grimm Cavanaugh** - October 29, 2021 at 02:07 PM

KT

“ Dawn and family, Our prayers and love are with you during this time. Hilda was a great prayer warrior and loved the LORD with her whole heart, sharing with others the gospel of her Savior. Love Phil and Kat Teeple

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**Kathy Teeple** - October 29, 2021 at 02:04 PM

CK

“ Hilda was such a ray of hope and joy when I would speak to her. She will be greatly missed and our prayers and thoughts are with the family as you walk this path of grief and sadness, but also joy and hope in her homegoing. I can only imagine the celebration of such a prayer warrior as she entered eternity!  
Chris and Lisa Kuntz

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**Chris Kuntz** - October 29, 2021 at 12:53 PM

CS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn your mother. She was an amazing prayer warrior and such a strong woman. May God give you His comfort and peace.

*Kerry and Carol Schamerloh*

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**Carol Schamerloh** - October 29, 2021 at 12:47 PM

VJ

“ With sympathy from the family of Doris Ann and Dwight Wilson. Valerie Wilson Jackson, Ossian



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**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - October 28, 2021 at 06:49 PM

KH

“ *Hilda was a strength and encouragement to many. She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. Our condolences to the family.*

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**Ken & Sharlene Honegger** - October 28, 2021 at 04:46 PM

AS

“ *Hilda was a very special lady to so many. She was very special to us. She was quite the prayer warrior. This last year with the pandemic has kept us apart, but not in thought. Her death is heaven's gain and the world's loss. We will meet you again, dear Hilda.*



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**Ann and Kurt Salscheider** - October 27, 2021 at 11:18 AM