



Mildred Eileen Biesendorfer

January 8, 1923 - October 11, 2019

Mildred Eileen Biesendorfer, age 96, of Manteno, passed away Friday, October 11, 2019 at Riverside Hospital with family by her side. Eileen was born January 8, 1923 in Newell, IA to Albert and Mildred (Papik) Witter. She was baptized into the Christian faith January 11, 1923 at her home by Rev. E. Locner. She was confirmed May 16, 1937 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church by Rev. Paul Stephen.

She was married to Arthur William 'Bill' Biesendorfer Jr. on October 3, 1942 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, IA by Rev. Martin Mueller. (Bill passed away in 1994.) Four children were born to Bill and Eileen. William Joe (Diane) of Broomfield, CO. Their children are John (Kari) and Jennifer (Chris Raskay). Linda Eileen (Paul Schreck) of Bourbonnais, IL. Their children Adam (Zsuzsanna), Amy (Justin Tibbetts), Alyssa (Johnson Folahan) and Kelsey (Daniel Richardson). Steven Albert (Marya) of Arvada, CO. Their children are Sean (Suzanne), Katie (Phillip Ricks), and Conner. Robert James (Lyn) of Marthasville, MO. Their children are Julee and Tim (Danielle Jones). In addition to her 11 grandchildren she had 14 great grandchildren, Benjamin, Dylan, Kyle, Zorah, Elliana, Julia, Elijah, Elisha, Megan, Michael, Elizabeth, Wesley, Emmanuel, Ethan, and Ezekiel and one great great grandchild, Gideon.

After high school Eileen became a hair stylist. While Bill was overseas during WWII, she lived in Carbondale with her parents and oldest son and there became a photograph retoucher and colorist. When Bill returned home they

owned photo studios in Fremont, NE and Council Bluffs, IA. They moved to IL in 1963. She worked at Sears in Oakbrook for 10 years and then at Elmhurst Hospital retiring in 1986. Upon their retirements, Bill and Eileen moved to Bourbonnais. In 1988 she began working for Dr. Ronald Buczek until 2013, when she retired at the age of 90.

Eileen was active in the ladies' organizations in all the churches she attended. She worked with Girl Scouts and participated in all her children's, and when possible, her grandchildren's and great grandchildren's activities. She enjoyed crafts, genealogy, cards, taking pictures, and recording them. Her joy and treasure on earth was her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, and sister. She is survived by her immediate family, two sisters-in-law (Virginia Biesendorfer and Verna Witter), nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WE LOVE IS NOT TO DIE.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL. More visitation time will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of Mildred's funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kankakee, IL. Burial will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs, IA.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kankakee, IL.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

Council Bluffs, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Sending our condolences to Linda, Paul & family.*

Sue & Bob Ross - October 27, 2019 at 07:28 PM

LS

Thank you so much.

Linda Schreck - October 28, 2019 at 12:03 PM

MP

“ *Eileen was a treasured friend and will be deeply missed. With heartfelt sympathy to her family, Muffy (Mafalda) Stamper and daughter MarLa*

marla Pietruszka - October 18, 2019 at 08:03 PM

LS

Thank you Muffy.

Linda Schreck - October 23, 2019 at 08:54 PM

DC

“ As I light a candle in her memory, may I express my deep and heartfelt sympathy to all of Eileens family. Her loss is heartbreaking for me, so I can only imagine how difficult it is for them. I had known this extraordinary woman for many years. I smile as I remember working with her on several of her special projects, recall memories of past birthday and holiday celebrations, and our many telephone conversations. We ended what was to be our last conversation not long ago, exchanging the words "I love you" as we always did. The memories that I have of this warm, loving and very special lady will remain in my heart for the rest of my life. May God Bless all of Eileens family and friends as we mourn her loss, and be comforted knowing she is in heaven with her Savior and all of the loved ones who have gone before her.

Diane E. Clark - October 15, 2019 at 10:35 PM

LS

Thank you Diane.

Linda Schreck - October 23, 2019 at 08:55 PM

DC

“ *Diane E. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mildred Eileen Biesendorfer*



Diane E. Clark - October 15, 2019 at 10:33 PM

JB

“ *My sweet Eileen! Never forget our many talks! You were a gem! ❤️
May you Rest In Peace.*




Judi Brault - October 14, 2019 at 10:47 PM

LS

Thank you Judi.

Linda Schreck - October 23, 2019 at 08:55 PM


Beronike
Moffat

“ *My heart is with you all during this time. Your
family means the world to me and I am sending
you so much love and warmth. Please let me
know if any of you need anything.
Love
Veronica Moffat*



Beronike Moffat - October 14, 2019 at 09:52 PM

MA

Thank you, dear Veronica! That means so much to me!

Marya - October 15, 2019 at 07:34 PM

MB

“ *Sending Condolences.*

Mary Kay & Jim Beedle

Mary Kay Beedle - October 14, 2019 at 03:15 PM

LS

Thank you Mary Kay.

Linda Schreck - October 23, 2019 at 08:56 PM

KC

“*Eileen was such a positive person. She was so active, working into her 80s. She truly was an inspiration to me. God's Blessing to all of you.*

Kay Clendenin

Kay Clendenin - October 14, 2019 at 03:08 PM

MO

So sorry we are out of town. She was a wonderful Christian woman. Such an inspiration to us all. My love and condolences to you.

Mary Lu O'Hara - October 14, 2019 at 03:42 PM

DW

Eileen was a dear friend to my mother, Verla Reutter, at Butterfield Assisted Living. We mourn her loss, along with you. Mom is now at Miller in Hospice and cannot attend the visitation or funeral. Please know that that our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Lord's love certainly shined through Eileen and we rejoice that she is now at Home with Him. Debra Weerts

Debra Weerts - October 17, 2019 at 01:21 PM

LS

Thank you so much Kay, Mary Lu and Debra. Love goes out to Verla.

Linda Schreck - October 23, 2019 at 08:57 PM