



Doris J. Beck

November 7, 1932 - January 19, 2021

Doris J. Beck, 88, of Greenfield and formerly New Castle, died January 19, 2021 from Covid-19.

She was born on November 7, 1932 in Henry County, a daughter of the late George and Luva (Whiteley) Irvin. Doris was married to Donald Beck for 53 years, before he died in 2014.

Doris was a 1950 graduate of Mt. Summit High School. She resided in Henry County for the first 81 years of her life before moving to Greenfield. She retired from New Castle Schools in 1996 after 21 years of employment, where she mostly served as the librarian at Wilbur Wright Elementary School. She was also previously employed at Interstate Finance, Inc. in New Castle.

Doris was an active member of the Indiana Rural Youth in the 1950s, and she served on the Rural Youth state board and as its first vice president in 1958. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Castle for 54 years, having served as the church's financial secretary, secretary of the church council, church librarian, Sunday School teacher and as a member of the Dorcas Sewing Circle. After moving to Greenfield in 2014, Doris became a member of Cross of Grace Lutheran Church in New Palestine.

Her hobbies included sewing, reading, traveling and spending time with her

family. In recent years, she authored her own life story in an autobiography entitled, *My Early Life As I Remember*. She was passionate about attending the Indiana State Fair every summer of her life and enjoyed attending grandchildren's musical concerts, sporting events, and 4-H activities. Doris believed that "Children are a gift from God," (Psalm 127:13), and she especially enjoyed her time spent with her seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who all adored their Grandma Beck.

Doris is survived by her three children, Steve (Donna) Beck of Lagro, Barbara (Jeff) Bailey of Indianapolis, and Linda (Mike) Langford of Avon; seven grandchildren, Stephanie (Nick) Robertson, Leanne Beck, Andrea (Chris) Bland, Lauren (Cameron) Hein, and Grace, Drew, and Katherine Langford; two great grandchildren, Bradley and Hannah Bland; a sister Carolyn (Ron) Merrill, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Irvin, and four sisters: Bernice Ramey, Margaret Igo, Betty Boger, and Marilyn Petry.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Doris may be made to the Mission Endowment Fund at Cross of Grace Lutheran Church, 3519 S. 600 W., New Palestine, IN 46163 and/or www.crossofgrace.org/give.

In light of the pandemic, in-person funeral services will include immediate family only. You may view the funeral service beginning at 12:50 pm Saturday, January 23, 2021 by [Clicking Here \(https://youtu.be/rtKRLBmChNE\)](https://youtu.be/rtKRLBmChNE).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Tribute Wall

BH

“Heaven has another Angel now that Doris is there. I had the privilege and pleasure of working with Doris at Wilbur Wright Elementary School in the 1980s. I was the Title 1 Reading Teacher and she was my wonderful librarian and friend. She convinced me to develop a program about Laura Ingalls Wilder and the Little House on the Prairie books. She then insisted that I make the presentation not only to our students at Wilbur Wright but to other schools as well. Doris was a valuable resource and persistent advocate for children! Our family moved to Greenfield in 1990 and I was pleasantly surprised to bump into Doris at Kroger one day. We instantly reconnected and later enjoyed a lovely lunch at Applebee's. We had hoped to do so again. May God bless you as you grieve her loss. She was a special lady.
Becky Hall

Becky Hall - January 27, 2021 at 03:48 PM

JM

“Steve, Linda and Barbara, so sorry to hear about your Mom, I walk the Wilbur Wright trail with my dog and each time I pass your old house I think of the good times we had there, at Wilbur Wright and the High School. Your Mom was a great lady and will be missed.
Jeff and Lisa Miller.

Jeffrey Miller - January 26, 2021 at 08:51 AM

GY

“ My condolences to Steve, Barb and Linda and the whole family, While watching the service and viewing the photos I am reminded how deeply connected our two families were through church, 4-H and even gardening and woodworking. Even though I was much older, I remember coming to your house for gatherings, even after I was married. It makes me sad that we never see such good friends anymore. Your mom surely did have a life well lived. We will all remember her fondly. Gerry Yanos

Gerald Yanos - January 25, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MH

“ Doris was a sweet and gentle lady; I enjoyed talking with her! She will be missed!

Mary Hubert

Mary Hubert - January 23, 2021 at 04:10 PM

ES

“ I love the picture of you in your band uniform and you were holding either a trumpet or cornet. My dear neighbor, you and I both played trumpet or cornet in the band; only my trumpet playing was in Willoughby, Ohio a few years later. We also shared problems with UTIs. I told you family that I thought that you could be described by the word "regal." You were a very pleasant neighbor and I appreciated my time spent with you.



Elayne Stewart - January 23, 2021 at 02:55 PM

DI

“ Aunt Doris always loved talking and sharing stories of family so much. I miss her every day as we can no longer talk by phone. I loved her laughter and joy. I shared with her how fortunate her children were to be raised by such loving parents, and what a gift they are to others, too. What a well-lived life. May God continue to care for and comfort her family with many memories and blessings.
Diana Igo

Diana Igo - January 23, 2021 at 12:57 AM

CM

“ Such a nice lady. As the Wilbur Wright librarian, she worked closely with those of us in the PTA.
We had a wonderful Super Reader program.
I have fond memories of her there at our school.

Cheryl Miller - January 23, 2021 at 12:35 AM

CB

“ Doris was such wonderful woman and so talented. She was such a big part of Holy Trinity and Wilbur Wright Elementary. My Mother, Almereen Tower enjoyed working with her at the school and they share many recipes. Prayers for the family! Charity Tower Bowling

Charity Bowling - January 22, 2021 at 06:58 PM

ZG

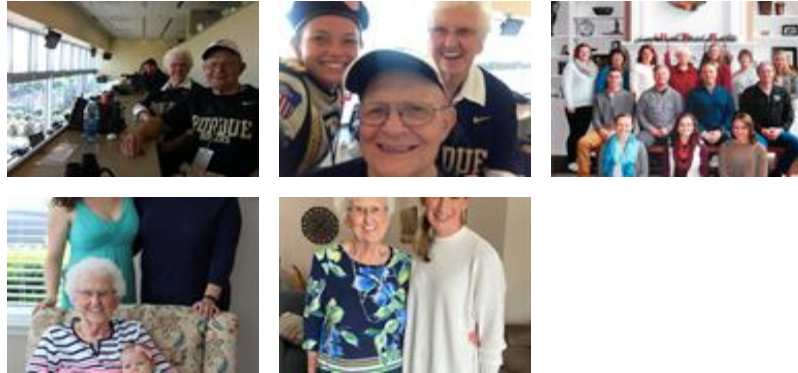
“ Steve - We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

Zachary Gentile

Zachary Gentile - January 22, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 05:00 PM

AB

“ *What a wonderful picture and obituary of Doris. I have so many fond memories of Doris and Don over the years. She was such a positive person and enjoyed life to the fullest. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

Thoughts and prayers are with her loving family. She was so proud of all of you, and loved you all so much.

*Fondly,
Anita Beard*

Anita Beard - January 22, 2021 at 04:54 PM

KD

“ Doris was a kind and caring neighbor. Charlie was always looking out for her. Even when she got her new TV, he worried how she would be able to get rid of the box. Finally, he asked her if he could take care of it. Doris will be missed by both of us.
Charlie and Karen Davidson

Karen Davidson - January 22, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Doris J. Beck.



January 22, 2021 at 02:38 PM

CB

“ I am sorry to read of the passing of Doris. Though her voice is quiet, the memories live on.

Cassandra Bowers - January 21, 2021 at 01:55 PM

 Kristyn
Shaffer
Deeren

“ Mrs. Beck was always so kind and encouraging. I worked with her as a student library helper at Wilbur Wright, and she always made me feel special and that I had unlimited potential. I will be praying for her family and loved ones during this time.

Kristyn Shaffer Deeren - January 21, 2021 at 12:53 PM

MB

“ So sorry to learn of Mrs. Beck's passing. I call her that because throughout my childhood that's who she was at school and at church. I knew her name was Doris from church, but it was always Mrs. Beck. She was consistently kind and helpful at both places and and in the years after I would see her and Don at basketball games and always said hello. What a wonderful life lived, I'll absolutely keep you all in my prayers...

Michael Bond - January 21, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Doris J. Beck.



January 21, 2021 at 10:36 AM

LI

“ To Doris' family. A loving lady with a big heart. Always enjoyed talking with her. As cousins, I remember the good times we had as kids at the family dinners. So sorry that you have to say goodbye for a while. Will be thinking of you and remembering Doris.

Cousin Lothair and Jean Irvin

Lothair and Jean Irvin - January 21, 2021 at 09:06 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful woman and a great friend of our family. So many wonderful memories. You are in our thoughts and prayers. George, Jane, Tim, Cathy and Sarah Hale.

Sarah Hale - January 20, 2021 at 06:58 PM