



Idabelle Bolden

December 5, 1932 - July 21, 2017

Idabelle Bolden, 84, passed away Friday, July 21, 2017 at her home in New Castle, Indiana.

She was born on December 5, 1932 in Lewisville, a daughter of the late Emmett and Marie (McCorkle) Sorrell.

Idabelle was a 1949 graduate of New Castle High School. She married Dennis Paul Bolden on June 28, 1951 in New Castle. In addition to being a wife and mother, Idabelle waitressed at several restaurants in New Castle and retired from Chrysler Corporation after 10 years of service. She was a member of Foursquare Church, taught church school for 3-5 year olds, served as co-director of the Foursquare Food Pantry Outreach Program for 12 years and held shirt sales to support the pantry outreach and Christmas program. Idabelle was also a member of New Castle Breakfast Optimist and a volunteer at the Henry County Youth Center until its closing.

Idabelle was recently recognized as being a part of the New Castle Babe Ruth League for 60 years. She worked tirelessly alongside her husband, Denny, since the league's inception in 1957. She helped with the city-wide canvas each year to raise money for the league and co-sponsored the Phares team. She was inducted into the Southern Indiana Babe Ruth Hall of Fame in 2005. Idabelle served on the league's Board of Directors from 2003 – 2014 later becoming a Board Member Emeritus.

In the early years, she carted players between practices and games, washed and repaired uniforms, made sure all players had shoes, hats and other equipment no matter what team the player played on. Of course, Phares was her favorite team. She was all smiles this summer watching her grandson, Josh, coach and her great-grandson, Eli, play for Phares. Idabelle carried on the Phares tradition of providing Dr. Pepper to the team at practice following a winning game and also making sure the players wore their uniforms correctly – hats forward and shirts tucked in to show respect for the team, the sponsor, and the league.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Dane (wife: Molly) Bolden of Houma, LA; daughter, Denise (husband: Jeff) Cooper of New Castle; five grandchildren, Carlie Hopper, Zachary Bolden, Joshua Cooper, Lucas Bolden, and Lindsey Bolden; seven great-grandchildren, Jaxson Bolden, Hailee Woods, Eli Cooper, Lauren, Owen and Evan Hopper, and Jace Bolden and her sister, Toni Lynn Chase, San Diego, CA. Her family was the light of her life.

Along with her parents, she is preceded by her husband, Denny Bolden on December 12, 1999; brother, Pete Sorrell and sister, Darlene Wright.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Becker officiating. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Castle Babe Ruth League Scholarship Fund, 3773 S. Timothy Ln, New Castle, IN 47362.

Friends may call from 4-8 pm, Friday at the funeral home.

You may leave a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Idabelle

Bolden.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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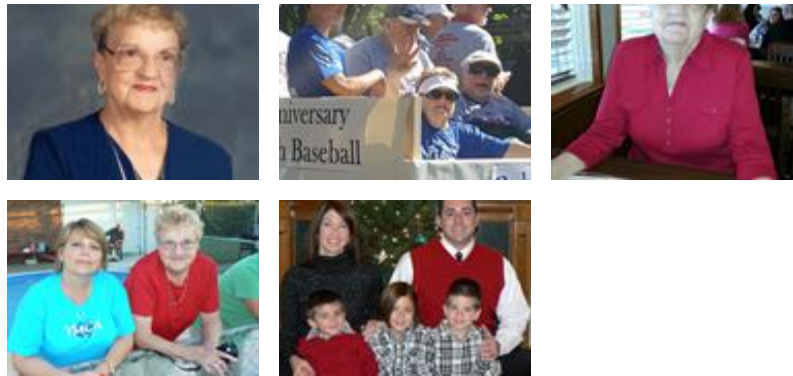
“ *"A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit...Therefore by their fruits you will know them." - Matthew 7:18,20*

The Lord laid on my heart this verse as I reflected on Idabelle this morning . The short time I knew her, I could see the Lord in her life by the fruit she bared. Feeding the inmates that worked on the diamond, being a mother figure to the players, and hearing about her service in the food pantry. I find myself smiling as I reflect. Thank you Idabelle.

Josh Smith - July 29, 2017 at 04:46 AM



“ 162 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - July 28, 2017 at 12:26 PM

SM

“ *Shelia Malone lit a candle in memory of Idabelle Bolden*



Shelia Malone - July 27, 2017 at 11:45 AM

JH

“ *The Hunnicutt Families send their love & condolences. Wish we could be there. Sending donation to Babe Ruth League in Idabelles name. Say hello to Denny in Heaven*

Jim Hunnicutt - July 27, 2017 at 08:46 AM

JH

“ *Jim Hunnicutt sent a virtual gift in memory of Idabelle Bolden*



Jim Hunnicutt - July 27, 2017 at 08:25 AM

JH

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Jim Hunnicutt - July 27, 2017 at 08:33 AM

SP

“ Shannon & Jack III, Old Phares Players lit a candle in memory of Idabelle Bolden



Shannon & Jack III, Old Phares Players - July 26, 2017 at 06:21 PM

CT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I will always remember how good Idabelle was to our boys and all of the boys who played Babe Ruth. Denny was great too. I always think of them when we go by the diamond. Idabelle was the strong, kind, loving lady behind Denny. I'm so glad she carried on with Dr. Peppers. And she taught the boys well. If you are going to play ball, look like a ball player! We'll miss you Idabelle. RIP. Christy and Jack Tompkins Jr. Shannon, Jack III and families

Christy Tompkins - July 26, 2017 at 06:20 PM

TF

“ The Burton and Hopper Families purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Idabelle Bolden.



The Burton and Hopper Families - July 26, 2017 at 04:33 PM

RL

“ Ida was a wonderful woman and like a second mother to me and many others. She was loved and will be missed.

Rich Linville - July 26, 2017 at 12:42 PM

SC

“ Susanna Chriswell lit a candle in memory of Idabelle Bolden



Susanna Chriswell - July 26, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Idabelle Bolden.



July 25, 2017 at 11:05 PM

DC

“ Diana Cronk lit a candle in memory of Idabelle Bolden



Diana Cronk - July 25, 2017 at 10:09 PM

KD

“ So sorry for your loss, Denise. I will be thinking of you in the days to come . Love u ❤️



kathy daugherty - July 25, 2017 at 09:39 PM

TK

“ *Teresa King lit a candle in memory of Idabelle Bolden*



Teresa King - July 25, 2017 at 07:47 PM

TK

you will be missed sitting with us at the games,,, prayers to your family

Teresa King - July 25, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Idabelle Bolden.*



July 25, 2017 at 05:04 PM