



Ruth Eilleen Schmidt

April 12, 1933 - April 24, 2026

Ruth Eilleen Schmidt, 93, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Friday, April 24, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born April 12, 1933, in Warren, Indiana, a daughter of the late Rhessa Josiah and Martha Elizabeth (Wagoner) Slusher.

Ruth was a 1951 graduate of Jackson Township High School in Wells County. On August 31, 1952, she married the love of her life, Jack Ray Schmidt, who affectionately called her “Bluesy,” and together they were blessed with 73 years of marriage filled with love, faith, and devotion to one another.

Ruth was a faithful member of Pleasant Hill United Brethren Church, where she served the Lord for many years as a Sunday School teacher and church pianist. Her gentle spirit, steady faith, and servant’s heart touched countless lives within her church family. She also gave of her time for 33 years as a volunteer in the surgery waiting room at Henry County Hospital, offering comfort and kindness to those in need.

She was a member of the Sunny Homemakers Extension Club and a former leader of the Mt. Summit 4-H Club. Ruth found joy in life’s simple pleasures—bowling, attending her grandchildren’s sporting events, and being present for

the moments that mattered most.

Ruth will be remembered as a sweet and loving woman who was dearly loved by all who knew her. She had a warm, welcoming nature and a wonderful sense of humor that brought smiles to those around her. Her greatest joy was her family, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Those left to cherish Ruth's memory include her beloved husband, Jack Schmidt; three daughters, Dianne (Gary) Hawks of New Castle, Linda Sears of New Castle, and Kim (Blake) Dye of Fishers; one son, Bruce (Sherry) Schmidt of Muncie; 10 grandchildren, Sherry Willis, Sharla Snyder, Todd Sears, Joni Jagers, Leslie Antiel, Shannon Posey, Emily Bryan, Kelci Laster, Nick Schmidt, and Natalie Crist; 29 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Nathan Schmidt; two sisters, Barbara Gentis and Colleen McMillan; and a son-in-law, Bob Sears.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Thompson officiating. Burial will be held privately in Mooreland Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.

Cemetery Details

Mooreland Cemetery

7700 US 36
Mooreland, IN 47360

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Funeral

MAY 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



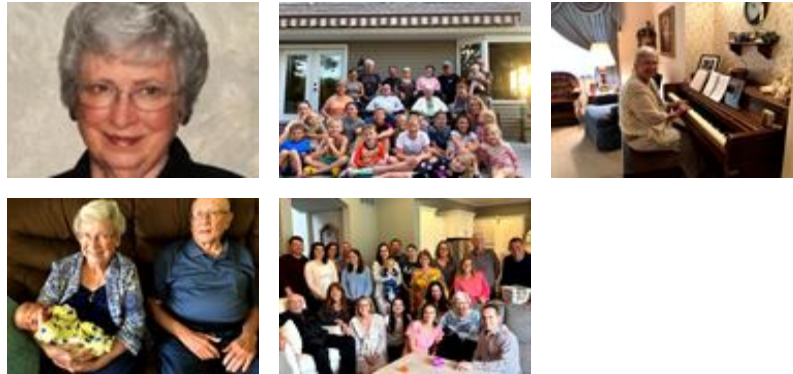
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.* ”



April 30 at 03:34 PM



“ *142 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 30 at 01:34 PM



“ *Pattie Nicholas Dowden purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.* ”



Pattie Nicholas Dowden - April 30 at 10:58 AM

JF

“ *Jim and Tina Schmidt and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.*



Jim and Tina Schmidt and Family - April 29 at 01:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.*



April 29 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.*



April 29 at 06:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.*



April 28 at 12:37 PM

RF

“ Rex Kepner and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.



Rex Kepner and family - April 28 at 12:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.



April 27 at 04:03 PM



“ Ruth was such a kind lady. What a great loss for her family, church, and community. My prayers are with all of the family.

Anthony May - April 26 at 01:42 PM

JB

“ Jim and Pam Bryan, Sean and Diana Bryan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.



Jim and Pam Bryan, Sean and Diana Bryan - April 26 at 11:35 AM

CK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Ruthie's passing. She was a very sweet lady. Special thanks to Linda for making the effort to bring Mom (Kate) & Ruthie together occasionally. Both of them were blessed to have a true lifetime friendship.
Prayers to you all.
Celinda (Gilbert) King

Celinda King - April 26 at 10:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Eilleen Schmidt.



April 25 at 10:41 PM

KW

“ My condolences to Jack and the entire Schmidt family.
I will never forget that smile Ruth always had when she talked to you. She was truly interested in what you had to say. You will never find a kinder woman than Ruth. I cherished the times we got to enjoy lunch together while at work. Ruth lived a very Christ like life and she is indeed in heaven now with other family members who passed before her. Her light will continue to shine for those who were blessed enough to know her.



Karen Whitecotton - April 25 at 07:54 PM

LB

Ruth was the first neighbor that I met when we moved into our house 46 years ago. She came and introduced herself and brought us gifts for our newborn twins. She will be missed.

Linda Brown - April 28 at 08:34 PM