



Betty "Jean" Blöse

July 19, 1929 - July 16, 2021

RICHMOND, Ind. – Betty “Jean” Blöse, age 91, of Richmond, Indiana, joined her beloved husband, Donovan, Friday, July 16, 2021. She died at Arbor Trace.

Born July 19, 1929, in Germantown, Indiana, to Jyle Nathan and Bernice Beard May, Jean was a life-long resident of Wayne County, Indiana. She graduated from Centerville High School in 1947. Jean retired from Reid Hospital in 1991, where she worked as a service representative in the business office for 20 years, beginning when the Medicare deductible was only \$40 and a patient’s insurance paid for everything. She had previously worked at First and Second National Bank, both in Richmond, and as a secretary at Centerville High School. Jean was a lifetime member of Centerville United Methodist Church. She was also a charter member of the Fraternal Order of Police Ladies Auxiliary in Richmond, where Donovan served with pride on the Richmond Police Department for 23 years, retiring as captain. After retiring, Jean and Donovan began traveling anywhere and everywhere in the United States, wondering why anyone would want to travel elsewhere in the world when there was so much to see and do in their own backyard. They always took “off the beaten path routes” which led to some very interesting adventures. Jean loved working in the yard and spending time with her family. The highlight of each year for both Jean and Donovan was their annual “Christmas Roll Day” which was held close to Christmas. It was the one day each year when the whole family would join them at home to enjoy each other’s company and eat homemade cinnamon rolls. Jean also loved having her grandchildren and great-grandchildren come over one at a time for their “Special Day”. Some of the grandchildren lived too far away and didn’t get this time, for which she was sorry. Jean always said, “Children keep you young.”

Survivors include her children, Susan (James) Bell of Centerville, Indiana, Gary Sheets of Lynn, Indiana, and Jeffrey Blöse of Richmond; stepsons, Michael (Connie) Blöse of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Patrick (Peggy) Blöse of Fort Wayne, Indiana; grandchildren, Nancy Stapleton of Centerville, Heather (Scott) Berrier of Shirley, Indiana, Amy (JR) Smith and Jessica Blöse, both of Richmond, Rebecca (Zach) Sherman of West Carrollton, Ohio, Stephanie (Mike) Maniaci of Covington, Ohio, and Benjamin Sheets of Dayton, Ohio;

great-grandchildren, Hanna, Jillian, Ladaya, Evelyynn, Tobias, Alexander, Cody, Jordan, Autumn, Mariah, Kaylyn, Sutton, Grant, Colt, Troy, and Reid; three great-great-granddaughters; sisters, Patricia May of Centerville and Carolyn May-Sborge of Richmond; brother, Robert May of La Grange, Kentucky; sister-in-law, Bernie Blose of Richmond; brother-in-law, Max (Sally) Blose of Waco, Texas; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends, including special friend, Dr. James Hayes, who kept Donovan and her going for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Donovan Rex Blose, who died October 30, 2007; stepson, Mark Blose; daughter-in-law, Kristy Sheets; grandson-in-law, Charlie Stapleton; parents; sister, Gracia Ann Nitzsche; brother, James May; sister-in-law, Marti May; and brother-in-law, Phillip Blose.

Visitation for Betty "Jean" Blose will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with Rev. James Girdley officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: John Hennigar Lodge #63 (FOP), P.O. Box 423, Richmond, IN 47375 in memory of Donovan R. Blose or Centerville Youth League, 100 Temple Drive, Centerville, IN 47330 in memory of Charlie Stapleton.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at <http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery

Crown Hill Cemetery

407 Short Street
Centerville, IN, 47330

Events

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Doan & Mills Funeral Home
790 National Rd W, Richmond, IN, US, 47374

JUL **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Susan, I'm so sorry to hear this. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Joyce Runyon - July 23, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ Susan, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a sweet lady. I know you will miss her, however, hang on to all the memories you have of her.

Jane Jackson - July 22, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Sorry that the family has lost Jeanie. I went to school at Centerville and I was in the same class as Bob. So Bob , I want to say I am sorry, you lost your sister. Prayers go out to you and the rest of the family. Mary Ann Resh Carp

Mary Ann Resh Carp - July 22, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ Blose Family, Susan, Jeff and Gary - Connie and I are so sorry for the loss of your mother, Jean, and sorry that we can't get there for the funeral. I will be traveling on Thursday to Fort Wayne IN and will stop by Richmond Monday and Tuesday to pay our respects to Susan and Jeff and Gary, if available. Your mother was always so sweet to me every time we visited. We have lost touch with you since Dad's death but did touch base with her a couple of years ago. Our love and prayers for you all from Oklahoma. Jean is now with Don and I am sure enjoying being together again. Love to you all. Michael and Connie Blose

Michael D. Blose - July 21, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ Gary, Susan, & Jeff,
The Fort Wayne Bloses were sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She lived a “good,” life and touched many lives. She will be missed. Our prayers are with you!!
Pat, Peggy, Annette Blose Bull, Cathy Blose Copeland, & David Blose

Patrick Blose - July 21, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ We're so very sorry to hear of the passing of Jean. She, Donovan, and their kids were like family to us through the years and we cherish the many memories. Praying that God will sustain you through this difficult time. With Love, the family of Jim and Susie Morris

Holly Morris - July 20, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ Susan, so sorry to hear the news of your mother's passing. Please know that my prayers are with you and all of your family in your time of loss. Warren B.

Warren BRATTAIN - July 18, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ With deepest sympathy to the entire family but especially to our daughter-in-law Stephanie and her Dad and siblings
We had the pleasure of meeting Grandmother Jean on several occasions and know how much she was loved and how much she will be missed RIP
Love, The Maniaci Family



sally maniaci - July 17, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn of Jean's passing. I grew up with her family in Centerville schools and always admired Jean. She attended the CHS Alumni banquets and supported the school. We knew her at Second National Bank. A very outgoing lady and a friend to all. She will be missed by many and our sympathy to her family. Jim and Sandra Resh

Jim Resh - July 16, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ Always a Lady. I was proud to be your DIL for the few years I was. I'm glad we were able to stay friends. My Children will be devastated at your loss but you're finally back with Donavon. Rest well Jean. My condolences to those you leave behind.

Cille Shaner - July 16, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Gary Brown and the Staff of Doan & Mills - July 16, 2021 at 02:04 PM