



Elizabeth "Bette" Mae Reynolds

May 6, 1923 - August 18, 2015

Elizabeth Mae (Leach) Reynolds, age 92, of Posey County, Indiana was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Bette was born on May 6, 1923 to Russell and Sadie (White) Leach, and spent her early childhood in Roseville, Michigan with her brothers: George, Edgar, and Sisters Agnes & Sylvia.

Bette was five years old when her father passed away and her family moved to Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Several years later her mother married Doak Geren, and Bette gained a beloved step-father as well as an extended family in Texas.

When Doak was assigned to an army base in Manilla in 1940, Bette, her sister and mother travelled to the Philippines to join him. On the US Army Transport ship from San Francisco to Manilla, Bette met her future husband, Arthur Claude Reynolds. She knew it was love when he, in a bid to impress her, ended up spilling steak sauce all over her brand-new dress. She and Claude loved to re-tell the story of how they met, chuckling with the way things turned out. Bette lived in Manilla until she and other dependents were evacuated by the Army in May of 1940. Upon returning to the States she graduated from Mt. Clemens High School in 1942.

During World War II, Bette worked for the Civil Service at Selfridge Air Corps Base. Claude spent the war years as a P.O.W. in Japan. Upon his return to the States, they were married in May 1946. The newlyweds were stationed in San Francisco where their two children, Claudette and Mark were born. Bette loved to sew and knit and made her children's clothes. She loved her life as a homemaker and kept a tidy house.

In 1952 they were transferred to Anchorage, Alaska where they lived until 1963. Bette loved her adventurous life in Alaska, which included camping, fishing, gardening, and caring for their log home.

Bette and her family moved to Posey County in 1963 to be closer to family. They joined the Black River Church where Bette taught Sunday school until it closed and then attended Stewartsville Methodist Church. She sang in the Posey County Choir. She worked at Hirsch's grocery store for several years in the 1970s. A member of the Evansville Lapidary Club, Bette was passionate about collecting and working with rocks and jewelry making. Her nieces and nephews knew of this passion and collected rocks from around the world to share with her. In her later years, Bette became a member of the

Y in Evansville and swam until in her late 80s.

Bette enjoyed a life surrounded by loving family and kind neighbors. She loved spending time in her fabulous flower garden. She was a self-taught artist and enjoyed painting on a variety of materials. Later in life she enjoyed reading and listening to music.

Bette leaves behind her loving husband of 69 years, Arthur Claude, her children Claudette Hovekamp and Mark Reynolds, her daughter-in-law Joan (Mitchell), her beloved grandchildren Matthew (Monica) Bohnert, Lauren Bohnert, Kristen Bohnert, Isaac Reynolds, Walter Reynolds, Hugh Reynolds, and her cherished great-grandchildren Owen, Eleanor and Ivan Bohnert, siblings: Edgar Leach and Sylvia Shaening as well as a large extended family of in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

Preceding Bette in death were her parents, siblings: Agnes and George Leach.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Monday, August 24, 2015, at the Werry Funeral Home in Poseyville, Indiana with burial in the Stewartsville Cemetery. Rev. Marianne Hawkins officiating.

Visitation will be from 2:30–6 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2015, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Stewartsville Cemetery, C/O Jane Reynolds, 9750 Storey Street, Poseyville, Indiana 47633

Cemetery

Stewartsville Cemetery

4100 W Main Street

Poseyville, IN, 47633

Events

AUG **Visitation** 02:30PM - 06:00PM

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Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (Poseyville)

16 E Fletchall Avenue, Poseyville, IN, US, 47633

AUG **Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Claude so sorry to hear about your wife. We extend our sympathy and prayers to you and your family..

Sorry I couldn't make it today as I am out of town.

John & Marie Sherretz, Poseyville,

John & Marie Sherretz - August 23, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Bette" Mae Reynolds.



August 23, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Bette" Mae Reynolds.



August 22, 2015 at 02:14 AM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Bette" Mae Reynolds.



August 21, 2015 at 03:53 PM



“ Praying for God's peace and comfort for all of you. What an interesting and amazing life Bette had! Love to you all from the Dunaways.

marjorie dunaway - August 21, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ I met Bette at Mark and Joan's house in Dillingham when she visited. She seemed imperturbable no matter what was happening-romping kid and feisty dog antics included. Such calm is something I aspire to. Safe passage from this life to the next, Bette-you left this world a better place.
Lisa Haggblom, with condolences from Steve Buchholz

Lisa Haggblom - August 21, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ Lisa Haggblom lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Mae Reynolds



Lisa Haggblom - August 21, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ Barbara Allen lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Mae Reynolds



Barbara Allen - August 21, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ My cousin Bette was the family historian and the warm, loving lady who made everyone feel welcome. I will never stop missing her. Cousin Gloria Steelman;
Midland, TX

Gloria Geren Steelman - August 21, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all the family. I may have only been in the company of Bette a few times but she was always as beautiful on the inside as she was in person.

Pam B. - August 20, 2015 at 08:46 PM