



Betty M. Moldenhauer

July 25, 1922 - April 1, 2019

Betty M. Moldenhauer, age 96, of Huntington, died Monday, April 1, 2019 in Indianapolis, where she resided for the past six years to be closer to her children.

Visitation will be from 2 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. A memorial service will immediately follow at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Bailey-Love Mortuary.

Betty was born on July 25, 1922 in Clear Creek Township, the daughter of William and Mary Catherine (France) Lahr. She married Earl Moldenhauer and they were married for 72½ years. Betty was responsible for managing all of the business activities of Moldenhauer Orchards and Nursery, including payroll, ordering, invoicing, tax filing, and daily operations. Aside from her business pursuits, she sang in the Huntington County Women's Club, belonged to Altrusa International, and sang in the choir at St. Peter's United Church of Christ for 45 years; she was also a trustee and an elder in the church. She and her husband Earl were active Starlite Dancers. Betty was on the board of directors of both the Association of Homes and Riverview Terrace in Huntington, worked with the Red Cross blood mobile, and was on the advisory board of the REMC. Joining in 1971, the local chapter of American Business Women's Association became her passion. She held offices of president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer, the latter twice. She was a delegate to two national conventions, and in 1979 she was named Woman of the Year.

Betty is survived by her three children, Carolyn (Don) Hardman of Indianapolis, Rosalie (Bill) Hale of Pisgah Forest, North Carolina, and Bill Moldenhauer of Indianapolis. Eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren also survive her. Three sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary Alice Shideler, Margery Rupel, and Shirley (Dave) Clapp also survive.

Her husband Earl, her parents, and four sisters Lillian Lahr, Edna Bauer, Ruby Eckert, and Martha Weaver, precede her in death. Three nieces and a nephew also precede her in death.

Events

APR **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:30PM

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35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, US, 46750

APR **Service** 04:30PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Bailey-Love Mortuary - April 19, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ My condolences to everyone. I loved the family gathering and dinner at the house by the orchard. Running and playing in the orchards was the best
Sincerely
Connie Eckert Heinrich

connie heinrich - April 20, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ I have many good memories of Aunt Betty & Uncle Earl. I spent many childhood weekends or weeks in the summer at their home. Before they moved out of Earl's parents home I remember listening to the Lone Ranger on their radio. One of us caught the mumps. It might have been me or was it Rosalie? I remember Betty showing me how to sweep the sidewalk. Betty's mannerisms & looks reminded me a lot of my mother, Martha. After they moved next door I remember eating green apples off a tree & attributing my brother, Steve's stomach ache to the apples. He needed an appendectomy!! I remember accompanying Carolyn 's & Rosalie as they went on dates. The first time i ate a meatless dinner. Home grown tomatoes & corn on the cob!! They listened to classical music. I also loved sitting in the circle of all the "sisters"& listening to them talk. All so gentle, kind, plain straight talk & a great sense of humor. I miss those years & the way it was.

Robyn Hook - April 20, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ I really don't know where to start!! I have so many good memories of Aunt Betty & Uncle Earl. Of course we really didn't use the titles Aunt & Uncle for any of “the sisters” or their husbands. I loved sitting in their casual circle whenever we got together. They were all calm, kind and plain speaking. They had a sense of humor that made me feel at peace. Spending weekends or sometimes a couple of weeks during the summer was something I always looked forward too. Betty's looks & ways always reminded me of my mom Martha. I feel I learned to eat a meal without meat at their home. Summertime tomatoes & corn on the cob. DELISH!! I remember listening to The Lone Ranger on their radio. No tv in their home. Somebody had mumps & it might have been me. I remember Betty showing me how to sweep the long sidewalk at the grandparents house where they lived till they got their own home. I also remember taking a family shower outside with those big silver drums on legs outside. Listening to classical music. Going on dates with Carolyn & Rosalie & their boyfriends. I never remember hearing any arguments or cross words from anybody. Such a gentle family. Such a kind gentle woman was Aunt Betty! I love you, Robyn

Robyn - April 19, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bailey-Love Mortuary - April 19, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ Carolyn, Rosalie and Bill:

I was very sorry to hear of your Mother's death. Your parents and grandparents were very kind and helpful to me when I was growing up on the Greenwood Road. I am especially grateful to your parents for introducing my Mother to London Imhoff after my father's early death. London and mother had many happy married years together. After I retired I became interested in genealogy and I found that we are distant relatives. Your third great grandmother Elizabeth Patricia Pinkerton Holt Brown was my second great grandfather John Pinkerton 's older sister. She moved from Pennsylvania to Rock Creek township in Huntington County and is buried at North Manchester. with her second husband and your third great grandfather Alexander Brown. If you, your children or grandchildren are interested in your family history I will be happy to share what I have.

Max E. Pinkerton 812-339-7713 maxbarb1@sbcglobal.net

MAX E PINKERTON - April 15, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Carolyn, Rosalie, and Bill

So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She really had a full life. Sorry I won't be able to attend service. Take care and love to all. Barb Eckert Higgs

Barbara Eckert Higgs - April 13, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ Condolences to your entire family . Ted and Marilyn Dumbauld. Former member of St Peter's E&R Church

Ted & Marilyn Dumbauld - April 12, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Betty's loved ones. Betty was a part of my life for many years. I had lost track of her the last few years, but I have fond, fun memories. She and I share many memories of our days as friends, neighbors, and members of ABWA. She was a lovely lady.

Marj Hiner

Marj Hiner - April 07, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ We know that Mother liked and respected you as a fellow member of ABWA

Carolyn Hardman - April 18, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ Caroline, Rosalie & Bill

My sincere condolences to all of you and your families.

I have fond memories of several times staying overnight growing up. Family time, meals, the orchard, nursery and the cider are very strong memories I still hold today.

I regret not being there. Wish I could be there to see/with everybody.

Randy L Weaver - April 20, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ I have know Betty for many years she will be sadless missed
Shirley M Brown

Shirley Brown - April 04, 2019 at 07:19 AM