



Berniece "Shorty" Eckert

May 17, 1923 - March 17, 2017

Berniece "Shorty" Eckert, 93, of Huntington, died at 9:45 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2017 at Heritage of Huntington.

Berniece, along with her husband, G. Bernard Eckert, farmed for many years in Lancaster Township and also owned the Keg Karry Out and Be In Boutique in Roanoke. Berniece retired from the real estate business, in which she was presented many sales awards, both locally and statewide. She was born on May 17, 1923 in Huntington County, to Homer and Indus (Zook) Updike. She graduated from Lancaster High School in 1941 and on May 14, 1941, she married G. Bernard Eckert at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington; he preceded her in death on December 16, 2005.

Survivors include a son - H. Gregory (Patricia) Eckert of Thornville, Ohio; two daughters - Marsha (Michael) Fisher of Huntington and Christine (Donald) Hofmann of Brownsburg; nine grandchildren - John (Becky) Fisher and Jill Fisher Henderson, both of Huntington, Halden (Melanie) Eckert of Tampa, Florida, Angie (Rocky) Leggett of Lutz, Florida, Adrienne Eckert of Waterford, Michigan, Amanda Hofmann Hines of Brownsburg, Elizabeth (James) Perkins of Indianapolis, Sarah Hofmann of Pittsboro, and Robyn Leppert of Louisville, Kentucky; 20 great grandchildren - Suzanne Fisher Radosevich of Huntington, Kevin Fisher of Indianapolis, Abigail Henderson, Olivia Henderson, and Michael Henderson, all of Huntington, Carter Hines of Brownsburg, David

Hodges and Avery McLand, both of Pittsboro, Kenedy Perkins, Kiley Perkins, and James Perkins, all of Indianapolis, Colin Eckert, Haley Eckert, and Riley Eckert, all of Tampa, Florida, Malloy Legget and Haven Leggett, both of Lutz, Florida, Sofia Steffes and Phoenix Steffes, both of Waterford, Michigan, and Autumn Leppert and Max Leppert, both of Louisville, Kentucky; and two great-great grandchildren – Benjamin Radosevich and Ellison Radosevich, both of Huntington. Berniece is preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Max Updike, and a sister, Virginia Hite.

Visitation will be from 3 - 5 and 6:30 - 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2017 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, with Recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at Bailey-Love Mortuary. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017 at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington, with Monsignor Owen Campion officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made to SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church or Parkview Hospice of Huntington County, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

5025 N. Goshen Rd
Huntington, IN 46750

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

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Rosary Service

MAR **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
860 Cherry St.
Huntington, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - March 24, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *To the family of Shorty Eckert our thoughts and prayers are with you. Terry and Sue*



Terry E Scher - March 26, 2017 at 08:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert.*



March 24, 2017 at 02:12 PM

BL

“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - March 24, 2017 at 10:28 AM

JC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. We have many fond and treasured memories of Shorty. Always enjoyed our visits with her when we returned to Huntington. Loved to hear stories of Burn, Shorty, Mom and Dad's adventures. Heaven is having a big party now that Shorty has joined her friends and family. Praying you feel the love and comfort of family and friends now and in the days to come.

Gary and Janet Chapin

Janet Chapin - March 23, 2017 at 09:11 PM

MH

“ Mandy Hines lit a candle in memory of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert



Mandy Hines - March 23, 2017 at 04:52 PM

Julie
Mckinzie

“ Julie Mckinzie lit a candle in memory of
Berniece "Shorty" Eckert



Julie Mckinzie - March 22, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Berniece "Shorty" Eckert.



March 22, 2017 at 08:54 PM

BW

“ What a joy it has been to know Shorty my entire life, as she and Bern's friendship with my parents was unending! One of my fondest memories is my last visit with her at The Heritage. She and Mom were sitting on the couch in Mom's room, telling jokes and misbehaving! How blessed it is to know that Warren, Imy, Bern and Shorty are reunited once again . . . in Heaven!!! A wonderful reunion for best of friends!! All of our prayers are with the family and may memories of her always fill your heart with love!!!

Chris, Becky, Kyle, Matthew and Daniel Waltz

Becky Waltz - March 22, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert.*



March 22, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *You were a great lady and friend.*



Carol Schoeff - March 22, 2017 at 07:57 AM



“ *My brothers and I spent almost every summer in Huntington when we were growing up. Our grandmother, Virginia Hite, made sure we spent time with family and Aunt Shorty was always so fun to see. I remember her always being in a terrific mood with a smile on her face. She just made a room light up with her fun and engaging personality. I am very sorry for your loss, and your family is in my prayers during this time.*

Collin Hite

Collin J. Hite - March 22, 2017 at 04:00 AM

CH

“ Always loved to visit with Aunt Shorty. She always had a smile on her face and enjoyed making others laugh! She will be missed by all. In Peace, Creighton Hite and family



Creighton Hite - March 21, 2017 at 07:36 PM

MS

“ Shorty will be sadly missed by all, what a sweet, kind, good lady! Rest In Peace dear girl...with deepest sympathy, Mary Jo & Monte Schenkel



Mary Jo Schenkel - March 21, 2017 at 07:33 PM

SH

“ Aunt Shorty has been our mother for many years, since her sister, (our mother) died. I miss our weekly phone conversations. She was always there for us. Miss you and love you. Steve Hite

STEVE HITE - March 21, 2017 at 07:43 AM

BB

“ Shorty was such a loving and caring person. I worked with her for several years and loved her as family. She will be greatly missed. Betty Brinneman

Betty Brinneman - March 20, 2017 at 09:03 PM

DJ

“ *"Shorty" Eckert ...God's chosen one put on this earth to soar like an eagle until called to her heavenly home. My sincere sympathy to her family, you were truly blessed by her presence in your lives. May her spirit remain within you as time passes by. Sincerely, Debbie Houser Johnson*

Debbie Houser Johnson - March 20, 2017 at 07:39 PM

ML

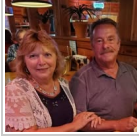
“ *We were in first grade together and all the way through school. We fraternized in our 41 club and we followed the "golden rule."*

*Now at the time of parting,
we anticipate meeting again.
Our friendship will last forever
and our memories will still remain.*

I remember Shorty with great fondness and my sincere condolences to the family.

Margie Lawver

Margie Lawver - March 20, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *Shorty was one of the most wonderful people I ever met. She was so warm and loving and she just made everyone feel so good. She was so grateful for everything. She loved her family so much and talked about every single one so much that I felt I knew them all before I ever met them. My heart goes out to all of you. Love you Shorty, more than you could ever imagine.*

Cheryl Breckenridge - March 20, 2017 at 03:44 PM

JH

“ *I enjoyed your parents so much during their time at Heritage Pointe and Shorty always had a smile that would just light up a room. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time. Jill Huston*

Jill Huston - March 20, 2017 at 03:17 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Aker lit a candle in memory of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert*



Kathy Aker - March 20, 2017 at 02:46 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Wells lit a candle in memory of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert*



Peggy Wells - March 20, 2017 at 07:41 AM

KW

“ *Kathleen Wisel(Bauer) lit a candle in memory of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert*



Kathleen Wisel(Bauer) - March 20, 2017 at 06:59 AM

SS

“ *Aunt Shorty was a second mother to me. She was always there to help with a project, share a joke, and give a hug when needed. She was full of energy and gave 110% to everything she did. A truly wonderful person..*

Stevanna Hite Spath

Stevanna Spath - March 19, 2017 at 01:43 PM



“ *Shirley Kiefer lit a candle in memory of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert*



Shirley Kiefer - March 19, 2017 at 01:15 PM

LR

“ *Lee Ritter lit a candle in memory of Berniece "Shorty" Eckert*



Lee Ritter - March 19, 2017 at 08:22 AM

LR

“ Good-bye Shorty. I will never forget the times we had at Prudential. Thank you for the memories. Please say Hi to Jesus for me. See you there.
Lee.

Lee Ritter - March 19, 2017 at 08:20 AM

LW

“ Linda Wilson lit a candle in memory of
Berniece "Shorty" Eckert



Linda Wilson - March 19, 2017 at 12:21 AM

LW

SOOO Sorry for Your Loss Greg & Chris... She was A Lovely Lady... Greg You knew me as Linda Williams.. We went to Lancaster School ... Last time I seen You was at Norwood Golf Lodge... My late Husband & I Bartended a celebration for I think it was Your Parents Anniversary... several years ago... Have know your Mom for a long time.... Again soooo Sorry for Your Loss ... Prayers to the Both of You

Linda Wilson - March 19, 2017 at 12:43 AM

DG

“ We send our love to John, Becky, Suzanne and Kevin, upon the passing of "Grandma Shorty". Shorty exemplified class. Her loving heart will be missed. Sending prayers, Dan and Cheryl

Dan And Cheryl Greene - March 18, 2017 at 09:14 PM

PT

“ I met Shorty when she joined Century 21, The Beaty Team in the md 80's I was there at the time and I always admired her work ethic. She was a great lady and I'm Glad I got to know her and work with her. My sincere condolences to the family.
Paul Tellef

Paul Tellef - March 18, 2017 at 08:07 PM

NZ

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. She was a wonderful lady and I can remember visiting your parents with my Mother Evie Eckert Zahn.

May she rest in peace.
Nancy Zahn- White

Nancy Zahn-White - March 18, 2017 at 03:21 PM

BH

“ Worked with Shorty at Century21 when I was 17. She always was smiling fun to work with. My grandmother and Shorty shared the same 1st name name of Berniece. Being around Shorty made me feel like being around my grandma. Thank you for being my friend. Loved and deeply missed.

Buffy Householder - March 18, 2017 at 03:10 PM

RK

“ Shorty your wish has been granted....in His time. Thankful for such a perfect roommate for my Momma Ginny Bauer!
To Shorty's family, I wish you many happy memories of the life and love of Bernie and Shorty.

Rhonda Bauer Kattau - March 18, 2017 at 12:02 PM



“ *Loved visiting her at the Boutique- One of my favorite childhood memories.*

Celia Bandelier

Celia Bandelier - March 18, 2017 at 11:27 AM

MG

“ *Love you Shorty, always kind you will be missed.*

Missy Gentis - March 18, 2017 at 09:58 AM