



## Thais R. Wilhelm

December 19, 1929 - September 9, 2017

Thais R. Wilhelm, age 87, of Huntington, died at 4:50 a.m. Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Tipton Place in Huntington.

Visitation will be from 12 - 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Central Christian Church, 500 MacGahan Street, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will immediately follow at 4 p.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Central Christian Church with Pastor Chris Hayden officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to Central Christian Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Thais was born on December 19, 1929 in Huntington, the daughter of Homer and Leila (Getz) Carl, Sr. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1947 and married Ivan E. Wilhelm on June 19, 1949 at Central Christian Church in Huntington. Thais worked at Huntington License Branch and served as both Huntington County Assessor and Huntington Township Assessor. She retired from the Huntington County Sheriff's Department after 36 years of service. She was the first elected female Sheriff in the State of Indiana, holding the office for ten years. Thais was an active lifetime member of Central Christian Church. For 50 years, she was a member of Child Welfare Club in Huntington. She served on the board of directors for Salvation Army, Youth Services

Bureau, REMC, and ABWA of Huntington County. She especially loved to spend time with her family, service the community, and play bridge.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years - Ivan E. Wilhelm of Huntington; three daughters - Leslie (Allen) Myers of Fishers, Jennifer (Ken) Koch of North Royalton, Ohio, and Lisa (Rick) Fusselman of Huntington; two sisters - Janice Eller of Mentone and Catherine Stayner of Huntington; eight grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Wilhelm, two brothers, Homer Carl Jr. and J.C. Carl, and a sister, Phyllis Ziegler.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Etna Cemetery

5515-5583 W. 600 S.  
Warren, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Central Christian Church  
500 Macgahan St.  
Huntington, IN

## Service

SEP **16**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Central Christian Church  
500 Macgahan St.  
Huntington, IN

# Tribute Wall

HS

“ *What an amazing and special lady she was- a true asset and fine role model for Huntington County! She was one of three people interviewing and hiring me at the Council on Aging (she was an officer of the board) and it was a joy working with her!*

Holly Saunders - September 19, 2017 at 10:29 AM

NJ

“ *NANCY & JERRY JUILLERAT SEND THEIR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY FOR A WONDERFUL LADY.*

Nancy & Jerin Juillerat - September 18, 2017 at 03:55 PM

RG

“ *Ray And Shirley Gordon lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



Ray and Shirley Gordon - September 15, 2017 at 11:14 PM

SS

“ *Jennifer and Ken,  
We became good friends in Ohio and found out you were from Huntington and I was from Warsaw. I then moved back here and ended up living in Huntington and got to know your mom on the Red Cross board. She was a beautiful lady an you take after her in so many ways. I want you to know you are in my prayers at this time for God to comfort you.*

Sue "Thomas" Sands

Sue Sands - September 15, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thais R. Wilhelm.*



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September 14, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ *Sally A Gamble lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



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**sally a gamble** - September 14, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *We became friends when she was sheriff and I worked at the law office. We traveled to the Oberammergau Passion Play and Alpine Europe together in 1990. We later took a few trips together. Dick and Betty Michel*

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**Betty Mihel** - September 13, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ *Kindest thoughts and prayers for Thais from Mark Weber*

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**Mark Weber** - September 13, 2017 at 09:15 AM

JK

“ *Thais made Child Welfare the great club it was. She was honest, trustworthy, loyal and fun to be with. This earth will miss her, but we're better because of her. Open your gates wide, dear Jesus, because there's going to be a party!* ”



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**Jan King** - September 12, 2017 at 08:48 PM

MS

“ *Tim and I were SO blessed to have worked with Thais on The Salvation Army's Advisory Board while we were stationed there for 5 years. We always looked forward to Advisory Board day because of Thais and her commitment to being on the board. We shared so many laughs and she will always hold special memories for us.* ”



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**Major Sally Sell** - September 12, 2017 at 03:29 PM

SG

“ *Sheema Gouvan lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm* ”



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**Sheema Gouvan** - September 12, 2017 at 08:53 AM

EW

*Thais was a good friend. My prayers are with her family at this sad time.. Evelyn Webb*

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**Evelyn Webb** - September 15, 2017 at 02:50 PM

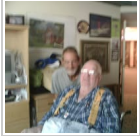
DH

“ *In this hour of sadness, may the sincere sympathy of your friends help to comfort you.*

*Diane Kriegbaum Hutcheson*

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**Diane Kriegbaum Hutcheson** - September 12, 2017 at 07:35 AM



“ *It was September 8, 1994. At four twenty five pm she came running in to the courthouse with am I late. My husband and I were getting married she was my maid of honor. she later told us she had a blue dress for it but because of a last minute prisoner transport from Grant Co. she had no time to change. I'll never forget my wedding colors two tone brown. I will always love and miss Thais.*

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**Vickie Kirkpatrick** - September 12, 2017 at 05:01 AM

DS

“ *Don and Dede Sherman send sympathy to the whole family of Thais! She and Kaiser were friends of my mom and dad and we all loved when they came for a visit. Thank you for a wonderful friendship for so many years!!*



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**Dede Sherman** - September 11, 2017 at 07:58 PM

CE

“ *Thais, you will always have a special place in my heart. You know why. Also, so thankful while volunteering at Tipton Place I could see you often. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Carol Eckert*

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**Carol Eckert** - September 11, 2017 at 07:29 PM

JV

“ Dear Ivan,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful wife and best friend. You have been a wonderful Husband and Father. The love you two shared was so strong and everyone could see it in your eyes. We will miss her, terribly and we are thinking of you with lots of love. You are in our prayers!*

*Janie Varney and the Robert Hale Family*

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jane Varney - September 11, 2017 at 06:55 PM



JV

“ Dear Lisa, Rick and Wilhelm Family,

*We are so sad to hear about Thais. She was such a wonderful woman and so kind to our family. She was never too busy to ask me how I was and if everything was o.k.. She was always there when we needed her and always seemed to know when we did. She was always doing for others and I never saw her in a bad mood, not once! We will miss her and the world won't be the same without her! We were blessed to have known her and have her in our lives. You are all being thought of with love and our prayers are with you all. With Deepest Sympathy, Janie Varney and the entire Robert Hale Family.*

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jane Varney - September 11, 2017 at 06:51 PM





“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thais R. Wilhelm.*



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September 11, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thais R. Wilhelm.*



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September 11, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ *This was always smiling and one memory Allan and I will never ever forget is her calling Allan her boyfriend made them both smile ear to ear. God bless you Thais and rest in our loving Lords hands! God bless, Ivan, Lisa, Leslie & Jennifer and all the family! Love to u all!* 🙏❤️📱

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**robin barb** - September 11, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *This was a dear friend to our family, from our first day in Huntington in 1958. We loved her. We send our cares and prayers to her family.*

*Dan and Cheryl Greene*

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**Cheryl Greene** - September 11, 2017 at 11:14 AM

SC

“ Steven R. Caley lit a candle in memory of  
Thais R. Wilhelm



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**Steven R. Caley** - September 11, 2017 at 08:32 AM

RP

“ Ron And Vicki Pearson lit a candle in memory  
of Thais R. Wilhelm



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**Ron and Vicki Pearson** - September 10, 2017 at 08:58 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. Thias was a very  
special lady. Deb Burnsworth Marshall



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**Deb marshall** - September 10, 2017 at 08:33 PM

TM

“ Tanner Michael sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Thais R. Wilhelm



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**Tanner Michael** - September 10, 2017 at 11:34 AM

TM

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family. This was a wonderful person and an asset to the community.*

**Tanner Michael** - September 10, 2017 at 11:35 AM

DD

“ *Deb & Colt Duhamell lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



**Deb & Colt Duhamell** - September 10, 2017 at 08:15 AM



“ *Kim Carroll Bruemleve lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



**Kim Carroll Bruemleve** - September 09, 2017 at 11:41 PM

SW

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you. This was a wonderful lady and I loved her dearly. I'm thankful for knowing her and will always value her friendship. She got me through some pretty tough times. She will be missed. Susan Collins Worsham*

**Susan Worsham** - September 09, 2017 at 10:26 PM

DD

“ *Deb And Colt Duhamell lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



Deb and Colt Duhamell - September 09, 2017 at 09:18 PM

SE

“ *Shirley Spencer Elsten lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



Shirley spencer elsten - September 09, 2017 at 05:25 PM

RE

“ *Renee Emmons lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



Renee Emmons - September 09, 2017 at 04:43 PM

TW

“ *Towana Winters lit a candle in memory of Thais R. Wilhelm*



Towana Winters - September 09, 2017 at 03:05 PM

EV

“ Erik and Madonna (Campbell) Veitch purchased the Ghirardelli Galore for the family of Thais R. Wilhelm.



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**Erik and Madonna (Campbell) Veitch** - September 09, 2017 at 01:36 PM

EV

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**Erik and Madonna Veitch** - September 09, 2017 at 01:32 PM

TN

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family



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**Tim and Renee & Andy Ness** - September 09, 2017 at 01:06 PM