



## Martha Ann Wright

November 23, 1925 - February 8, 2018

Martha Ann (Mick) Wright was born on November 23, 1925 to Joe and Rose (Kurtenbach) Mick. She was baptized at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dimock, South Dakota. The oldest of five children, she grew up on a farm near Dimock and moved to the nearby town of Parkston at age 13. She graduated from Sacred Heart Parochial School in 8th grade and from Parkston High School in 1943. Besides her family, the most important thing in her life was her strong faith. She was a Founding Member of Holy Name Catholic Church which was founded in 1959. She received the Brute' Award for stewardship from the Bishop of the Evansville Diocese in 2002.

Martha was a devoted wife to Joe until his death on October 15, 2014. They had celebrated 70 years together, having married on March 4, 1944 in Lawton, Oklahoma. She enjoyed visiting with him while he was at Glenburn Nursing Home in Linton the last five years of his life. She was a member of the Solsberry American Legion Post #450 Auxiliary, Sunshine Home Extension Club, Secretary of Holy Name Church Outreach Committee, and Chair of funeral dinners at the church for many years. She loved to crochet, quilt with members of Walnut Grove Church on Wednesdays, and made many count cross stitch pieces which were given to members of her family. She also enjoyed attending plays at the Shawnee Summer Theatre.

She is survived by daughters Sandra (Jerry) Blackwell of Bloomington,

Barbara (Brian) Tucker of Huber Heights, Ohio and son Joe (Joe Like) Wright of McHenry, Illinois; four grandchildren: Ron Toon, Amy Blackwell Martindale, Brian Blackwell, and Brad Toon; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Ann Mick and Donna Mick, brother-in-law, Ed Zuckschwerdt and several nieces and nephews. Valerie Lifford had not only been a caregiver for eight years; she has been another daughter and a very special friend. In April 2017 Martha moved to Autumn Trace Assisted Living where she enjoyed friendships and wonderful care. The family is so thankful for Heather Chestnut, the Wellness Nurse, and the many ladies who attended to all her needs.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Vern, Don, Jim and sister Germaine (Mick) Zinnel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Holy Name Catholic Church. Friends may call at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield from 4 to 8 P.M. on Wednesday, February 14, where a Rosary Service in Martha's memory will be held at 4 P.M.

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, February 15, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bloomfield at 10:00 A.M. with Father Biju Thomas officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery. Online condolences to the family are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

Bloomfield, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield  
421 South Seminary Street  
Bloomfield, IN 47424  
(812) 384-4212  
info@jenkinsfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name Catholic Church  
700 Lincoln Drive  
Bloomfield, IN

# Tribute Wall

BN

“ So very sorry for your loss, wishing the family strength and prayers and that she is a guardian angel. Sincerely, Brian Necciai

Brian Necciai - February 15, 2018 at 10:21 AM

SB

Thank you Brian. She is our guardian angel now.

Sandra Blackwell - February 25, 2018 at 07:15 PM

CC

“ So sorry for your loss Martha was a dear friend to my mother And good friend to our family. Sincerely, Carol Crabb

Carol Crabb - February 14, 2018 at 04:22 PM

SB

Carol, Mary Ann and Mom had many wonderful memories together. Thank you for caring.

Sandra Blackwell - February 25, 2018 at 07:14 PM

TM

“ Thinking of you. Sorry for your loss.  
Jerry & Trina Maguire

trina maguire - February 13, 2018 at 10:10 AM

VL

“ Vickie Long lit a candle in memory of Martha Ann Wright



Vickie Long - February 13, 2018 at 08:18 AM

SB

Thank you Vickie. Hope you are enjoying time in Florida.

Sandra Blackwell - February 25, 2018 at 07:15 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry for Martha’s family and friends at this time. She was very kind to me when we were new in town, and always had a smile.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto her, O Lord,  
And may Perpetual Light shine upon her.*

Charlene Miller - February 13, 2018 at 06:38 AM

SB

She was a sweet and kind lady who will be missed. Thank you for sharing your memory.

Sandra Blackwell - February 25, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Ann Wright.



February 12, 2018 at 05:23 PM

KP

“ I met Martha years ago when Joe was my supervisor at Crane. A friendly, loving, caring couple, Both will be missed.

*Karlene Priest*

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**Karlene Priest** - February 12, 2018 at 04:59 PM

LO

“ We are so sorry for your lost. Jim and I remember the last time we brought mom up to visit with Martha Ann, Joe, Sandy and Jerry. It was wonderful to see everyone. I know how special Martha and Joe we're to my mom and dad. Your visits to South Dakota were the highlights of our summers. Will be thinking of your family in your time of sorrow. Lynn & Jim (Mick) Oliver

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**Lynn Mick Oliver** - February 11, 2018 at 10:15 AM

RG

“ So sorry about Martha. She was a dear friend to me and my cousin, Carolyn Carmichael. Barbara is a friend of mine and was classmates in high school. Wish I could be there but I'm still living in Alabama. I'm going to miss Martha & I loved her. She was such a sweet lady. My condolences to the family.

*Ruth Gwaltney*

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**Ruth A Gwaltney** - February 10, 2018 at 11:58 PM

VD

“ Vernon, Sondra, and Travis Drake purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Martha Ann Wright.



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**Vernon, Sondra, and Travis Drake** - February 10, 2018 at 04:38 PM

BM

“ *My dear cousins and their families, please accept my deepest condolences. I am sorry I am unable to attend Martha Ann's services. Know that I am with you in spirit now and always. I have very fond memories of Martha Ann. She was always smiling that wonderfully warm and kind smile. It was infectious!*



*I regret that I did not get to spend more time with her as well as the rest of you. I am hopeful that we can remedy that going forward. With all of my love, your cousin,*

*Bill Mick*

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**Bill Mick** - February 10, 2018 at 04:33 PM

“ My condolences to all the family of Martha Ann. I write this with tears because she was one of my dear and favorite first cousins. I am the youngest grandchild of Philipp and Katherine and youngest daughter of Lawrence and Irene Kurtenbach.. Of the 35 of us, I believe there are now just ten of us left.

Because Joe and Martha Ann came back to South Dakota often to visit her parents and grandparents when I was growing up, we all felt we knew her well. She was so warm, caring and sweet. When she came back for our two cousin reunions, she was so happy to be among "my people" as she called us. We were always her family, and the bond remained mutual. I shall miss her greatly as we exchanged Christmas cards and letters every year. I don't know if she was well enough to read my letter and enjoy the pictures I sent this year. My sister Kathie and I were worried because we did not hear from her this year. I have kept some of her letters from recent years, and I will treasure them. She wrote letters just as genuinely as she spoke; her words came from a loving heart.

Near my front door hangs a beautiful plaque saying, "God Bless this Home." It was a thank you gift from Martha Ann given after the first family reunion. I treasure her blessing, and I know her faith in God was always strong. She inherited that from her mother and especially from her grandmother Katherine. Her grandparents prayed the rosary every evening, and Katherine had many prayer cards she prayed for all of us every day. Like many of the cousins, Martha Ann loved the Dimock Church. She enjoyed the Sunday morning Mass I arranged for us during the reunion. My father was one of the first babies baptized in that church, where Martha Ann was baptized.. Our great grandparents are buried there, and all of us knew that our Catholic faith began there after our family left the twin towers of the Cologne Cathedral, which grandpa Phillip spoke of often..

I trust Martha Ann is with God and also is having a wonderful visit with her beloved Joe, her parents, grandparents, and all the other family members whom she called "her people." We all shed tears because we loved her, but we were blessed to have her with us for 92 years and for her to enjoy her beloved home for many years.

*She was so grateful to her caregiver and wrote about her in her letters. I hope one of you will be willing to write to me. I would very much appreciate receiving a memorial card of Martha Ann's. She sent me one of Joe's. My door will be open to any of you who wish in future years to travel and visit where where Martha Ann was a child. She always loved where her life began. I send my prayers to you as you arrange her final services. As Grandma Katherine told my parents in their final conversation, "May God Bless You." Although many miles separate us, I hope we will remain in contact.*

*Linda Kurtenbach Kluthe, Scotland, SD*

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**Linda Kurtenbach Kluthe** - February 09, 2018 at 10:30 PM

**SB**

*Linda have a letter to send when the funeral is over and will enclose the card from service. You are special family.*

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**Sandra Blackwell** - February 13, 2018 at 09:55 AM

**CM**

“Curt, Kathy and Bill (The Mick's) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Martha Ann Wright.



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**Curt, Kathy and Bill (The Mick's)** - February 09, 2018 at 12:27 PM

**LB**

“Lora J Burris lit a candle in memory of Martha Ann Wright



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**Lora J Burris** - February 09, 2018 at 12:09 PM