



Berneice R. Jackson

March 3, 1932 - December 24, 2023

Berneice R. Jackson, aged 91, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2023, at her residence. She was born on March 3, 1932, in Monon, IN, to Floyd and Nora (Smith) Warren. Berneice was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Lee Jackson, on December 24, 1989. Their love story began with an engagement after only a month of knowing each other, culminating in marriage just four months later.

A proud graduate of Rensselaer High School, Class of 1950, Berneice embarked on a rich and fulfilling life journey. She initially worked as a bookkeeper at Jackson Funeral Chapel in the 1950s and later managed records for Dr. O'Brien. Her entrepreneurial spirit thrived as an Avon representative, leaving a mark in various professional pursuits.

Berneice's dedication to her community and family was remarkable. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, finding solace and purpose in her faith. A gifted seamstress, she crafted beautiful sweaters for her grandchildren, designed cheerleader and majorette uniforms for Rensselaer Central High School, and served as a custom seamstress for the Chicago Bears during their time in Rensselaer. Her talent extended to her daughter and daughter-in-law's wedding gowns, winter coats, and matching dresses for her daughters.

Her creative spirit knew no bounds. Berneice was a prolific painter, showcasing her art at local festivals and adorning the walls of restaurants with her masterpieces. Her mural in the home of Brian and Teresa Jackson remains a testament to her artistic legacy. Her written words also found life as she penned the story of her vibrant existence, with plans for a Volume II to capture her bustling life.

Berneice was a beacon of love and dedication within her family. Every evening, she prepared hearty dinners with all the fixings, demonstrating her unwavering affection for her loved ones. She grew a wonderful garden every year and canned the produce to sustain her family through the winter months. Her adventurous side shone through in her pursuits of mushroom hunting, fishing, and engaging in countless Scrabble games with her close friend, Byron Callahan.

Her mornings were a testament to her resilience as she braved freezing winter weather to check traps for muskrats and raccoons alongside her son. Berneice's commitment to her passions and relationships defined a life well-lived, leaving an indelible mark on those she encountered.

Berneice is survived by her children, Cheryl Ekstrom of Rensselaer, IN, Doris Foley of FL, Brian (Teresa) Jackson of Rensselaer, IN; grandchildren, Michael Ekstrom (Tammy Nuss), Marcus (Julie) Ekstrom, Matthew (Mandy Gilbert) Ekstrom, William Folely, Raeann (Jeff) Miller, Shelby (Josh) Rose; siblings, Dennis Warren, Dean Warren; many nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded by her parents, husband, Robert, siblings, Nola Schneidt (Kenneth), David Warren (Roberta), Vera Warren, and grandson, Aaron Jackson.

Friends may call on the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on

Thursday, December 28, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM CT. A funeral service will be held immediately following at 11:00 AM CT with Tammy Culp officiating. Interment at Memory Gardens, Rensselaer.

Her memory will be cherished by all who were fortunate to know her, celebrating a life richly lived and profoundly shared. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Berneice R. Jackson* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 27, 2023 at 02:50 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson* ”



Judy Burvan - January 04, 2024 at 08:01 AM

RS

“ *Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson* ”



Roger & Vicki Steffen - December 31, 2023 at 07:53 PM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Berniece’s family. She and my mother were dear friends and on a few occasions I got to join them when they had coffee. Berniece was always so pleasant and fun to visit with. What a lady.* Deana George

Deana - December 29, 2023 at 09:30 AM

CW

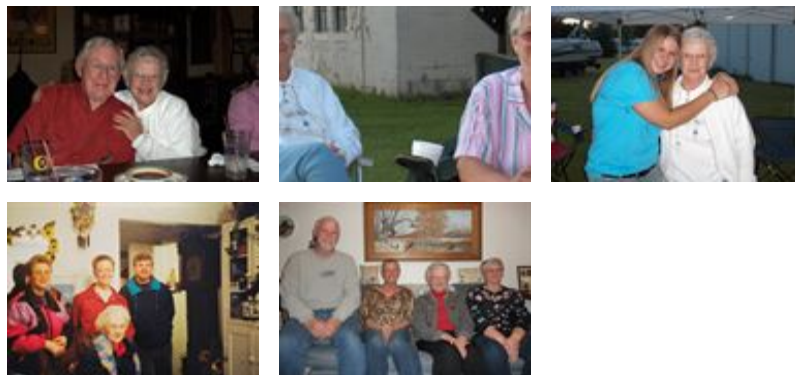
“ *Carol Wood lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson*



Carol Wood - December 28, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ *68 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 27, 2023 at 02:37 PM

JK

“ *What a delight she was! Deepest sympathy to all the family. God bless. Joan and George Kanne*



Joan and George Kanne - December 27, 2023 at 01:32 PM

BW

“ *Betty Worden lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson*



Betty Worden - December 27, 2023 at 11:57 AM

DE

“ *In memory of your mother....*



Deb(Rose)Ellis - December 27, 2023 at 11:54 AM

RW

“ *Regina Warfel lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson*



Regina Warfel - December 27, 2023 at 09:18 AM

HL

“ Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson



Homer and Theresa Lakin - December 27, 2023 at 07:58 AM

TC

“ The Brookston Crew. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berneice R. Jackson.

The Brookston Crew. - December 26, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berneice R. Jackson.



December 26, 2023 at 07:39 PM

MC

“ Michael Callahan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berneice R. Jackson.

Michael Callahan - December 26, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berneice R. Jackson.*



December 26, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Berneice R. Jackson.*



December 26, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Dale And Debb Cook lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson*



Dale and Debb Cook - December 26, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *Diana Gaines lit a candle in memory of Berneice R. Jackson*



Diana Gaines - December 26, 2023 at 04:25 PM