



Bonnie J. Battleday

July 25, 1941 - January 22, 2024

Bonnie J. (Kessler) Battleday, age 82, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on January 22, 2024, at IU Health Arnett with her family by her side. Bonnie was born on July 25, 1941, in Shelby, IN, to Ercel and Maudie (Mattocks) Kessler. Her father would later marry Hazel McKinney, who would be the only mother she knew.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Sue, parents, Ercel and Hazel Kessler, and brother, Ronald Kessler.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Donald E. Battleday, two daughters, Anita (Tim) Taylor, and Jana (Doug) Hesler, four grandchildren, Justin (Jacqueline) Thomas, Nicholas Thomas, Rachel (Evan) Zafir, and Christopher Rubley, three great-grandchildren, Haley Thomas, Brady Thomas, and Hope Zafir, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved her.

Bonnie lived most of her life in the Rensselaer area. She graduated from Rensselaer Central High School in 1959 and later that year, married the love of her life, Donald Battleday. They enjoyed sixty-four years together. They later moved to the farm and lived there for over fifty years. Bonnie loved the country life. Gardening and flowers brought her much joy and she had a soft spot in her heart for birds.

Bonnie worked several different jobs, including bookkeeping for Trail Tree for over twenty years. She also helped Don when they farmed and when they had a trucking business. Bonnie had her own small business called Bonnie's Crafts for several years. This business allowed her to show her many craft talents and her love for doing ceramics. She was such a hard worker all her life.

While Bonnie had many talents, her greatest achievement was being a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved to cook, and canning was another of her passions. She would always take time to share her passions with others. Bonnie took pride in everything she did and in her family. When she was able, she loved to attend her family's activities.

One of Bonnie's favorite times of the year was Christmas. She loved to decorate her home and to give gifts for the Angel Tree and later for Operation Shoebox. She was a very giving person.

While Bonnie's life was not always easy and she faced several physical injuries, she always got up and faced life's challenges every day with dignity. She will truly be missed.

Friends may call on the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Monday, January 29, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT. A funeral service will be held immediately following at 12:00 PM CT with Pastor Owen Mason officiating. Interment at Weston Cemetery, Rensselaer.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5626

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (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

JAN 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

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



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie J. Battleday*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 26, 2024 at 01:11 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Bowlin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie J. Battleday.*

Cathy Bowlin - January 28, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bonnie J. Battleday.*



January 28, 2024 at 06:40 PM

BW

“ *Bill and Shan Weigand purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Bonnie J. Battleday.*



Bill and Shan Weigand - January 27, 2024 at 10:42 AM

ML

“ Martha (Mauck) Langley lit a candle in memory of Bonnie J. Battleday



Martha (Mauck) Langley - January 27, 2024 at 10:40 AM

PR

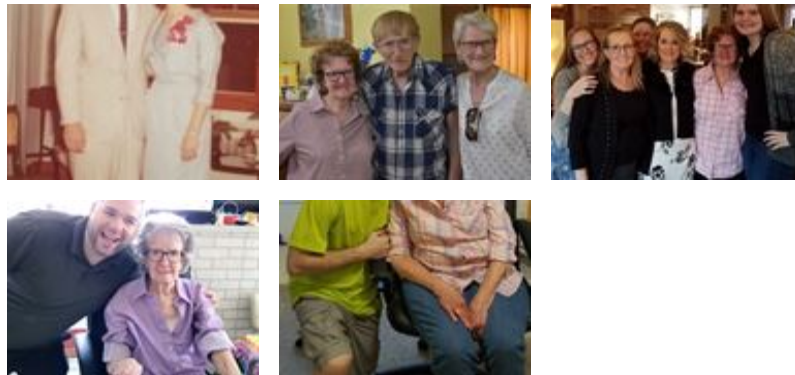
“ I have known her 55 years , Bonnie was a special lady and to me like a Mother when I was young. I remember the good times and will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones now. May you all have peace in knowing God will provide strength and love forever.



Patti Robinson - January 27, 2024 at 09:13 AM



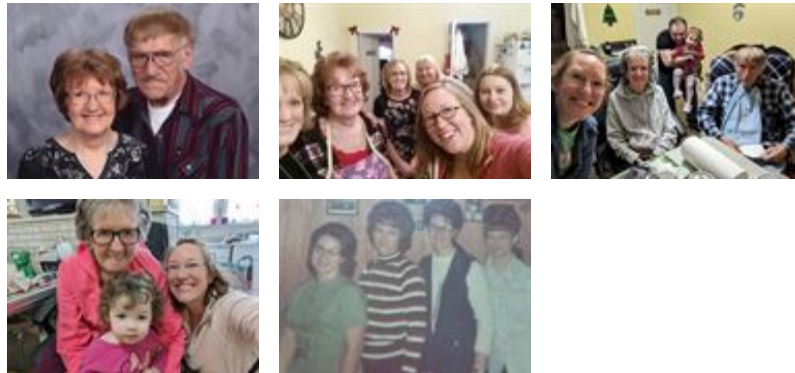
“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 26, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 26, 2024 at 12:59 PM

JR

“ *Jack Rose, John and Tobi Rose planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie J. Battleday.*

Jack Rose, John and Tobi Rose - January 25, 2024 at 06:37 PM

JR

“ *Jack Rose, John and Tobi Rose purchased the [Arrive in Style](#) for the family of Bonnie J. Battleday.*



Jack Rose, John and Tobi Rose - January 25, 2024 at 06:37 PM

MG

“ *So many fond memories of conversations with Bonnie. She will be missed. Hugs and prayers to her family.*

Marsha Gratner - January 25, 2024 at 04:10 PM

BE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all the family for the loss of Bonnie. Many fond memories. From your family in Texas...*

Bud & Anna Eisele - January 25, 2024 at 08:48 AM

SS

“ *Stormi Stallings lit a candle in memory of Bonnie J. Battleday*



Stormi Stallings - January 25, 2024 at 07:57 AM

LF

“ *Lewis Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bonnie J. Battleday.*



Lewis Family - January 24, 2024 at 05:08 PM

BK

“ *Bobby, Tricia and James Kessler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bonnie J. Battleday.*



Bobby, Tricia and James Kessler - January 24, 2024 at 05:07 PM