



## Ernestene Brown Spence

July 31, 1931 - August 13, 2019

Ernestene Brown Spence, 88, passed away August 13, 2019, at White Oak Health Campus in Monticello, Indiana. She had resided in Goodland, Indiana for the past fifty years, also having lived in Niles, Michigan and Burnettsville, Indiana.

Ernestene was born on July 31, 1931, in Buchanan, Michigan, the daughter of Ralph and Maxine (Collings) Brown. She was a 1949 graduate of Adams Township High School.

On June 11, 1949, in Delphi, Indiana she married Dudley J. Spence who preceded her in death on November 19, 2017.

Ernestene and Dudley lived and farmed near Goodland, Indiana. In 1967 Ernestene received her nursing degree. Ernestene was a registered nurse in the office of Dr. E. R. Beaver in Rensselaer for fifty years. She also had been employed at the former George Ade Hospital in Brook, Indiana.

A longtime member of the First Christian Church of Brook, she was very active in both her faith life and her church. Ernestene was a loyal member of the Jordan Township Homemaker's Club.

Surviving are two sons, Michael (Pam) Spence of Commerce Township,

Michigan and R. Patrick (Diann) Spence of Remington, Indiana; six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, a sister, Barbara Dillon of Flora, Indiana and a sister-in-law, Myra Brown of Logansport, Indiana.

Ernestene was preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Maxine, her husband Dudley, one sister and two brothers.

Friends will be received at the Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Monday, August 19, 2019, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. cdt. Funeral services will follow on Monday at 11:00 a.m. cdt at the Jackson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Chaucey Lattimer, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Weston Cemetery in Rensselaer.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Christian Church of Brook, 105 W. Broadway St., Brook, IN 47922.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 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

**AUG 19.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Ernestene Brown Spence*



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**Judy Burvan** - August 15, 2019 at 06:52 AM

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“ *Ernestene and I were in the same class in nursing school and graduated together. She was a very special person. Learned a lot from her. My condolences to the family with Gods comfort at hand. Rest in Peace, Ernie!*



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**Lib Prohosky** - August 14, 2019 at 07:38 PM

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“ *Glenda Nagel lit a candle in memory of Ernestene Brown Spence*



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**Glenda Nagel** - August 14, 2019 at 06:02 PM