



## Hilda M. Yoder

May 26, 1927 - August 3, 2024

Hilda M. Yoder, age 97, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away peacefully at the Parkview Haven Retirement Home in Francesville on August 3, 2024. She was born on May 26, 1927, the daughter of Thomas & Claire (Mills) Carroll.

Hilda attended and graduated from the Mt. Ayr High School, the Class of 1945. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from St. Joseph's College. Hilda had a variety of occupations in her lifetime, including a 4th grade teacher at the DeMotte Elementary School and Kniman Elementary School. She also performed numerous clerical duties while working at the Tampa International Airport and more locally, she worked and assisted in the local CDC Resources office and the former Ribordy's drug store.

Hilda also volunteered in numerous organizations; Helping Hands, the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Rensselaer and she served as a past Sunday school teacher at the Burr Oak Mennonite Church. More recently, however, she attended the Rensselaer Church of the Nazarene.

Her first marriage was to Bennie Kerkes and he passed away in 1963. Then, on July 31, 1994, she married Albert Yoder, who preceded her in death on June 30, 2010.

Her surviving children include, Bennie Kerkes, Jr. of Remington, IN, Margaret (Robert) Saiter of Rensselaer, IN, Joseph (Annette) Kerkes of Lutz, FL, Michael (Linda) Kerkes of Poinciana, FL and Janet (Raymie) Richards of Wolcott, IN. Also surviving is her sister, Ruthanna "Miriam" Steinkamp of Rensselaer, IN, 13 grandchildren and numerous great & great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, one son, Thomas Kerkes, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence to the family, may do so at [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com).

In memory of Hilda and in lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry of Rensselaer, 227 S. College Ave., Suite 1, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

# Tribute Wall

GE

“ My thoughts and prayers for nothing but the good memories for her family. Hilda had a special place in my heart.

Gerri Ellis - August 23, 2024 at 11:25 PM

LE

“ Friend of Hilda's and family for many years. Condolences to all of her family.  
R.I.P. Hilda



Lois Evers - August 08, 2024 at 06:50 AM

GE

Hilda was like no other. She was my friend and my favorite while working where she lived. I'll see you again Miss Hilda!💕💕

Gerri Ellis - August 20, 2024 at 08:17 AM

ML

“ Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Hilda M. Yoder



Martha Langley - August 07, 2024 at 11:18 AM

DE

“ Condolences to your family as you grieve the loss of your mom. May she Rest In Peace. Deb (Rose) & George Ellis



Deb Ellis - August 07, 2024 at 07:42 AM

DA

“ Dear Family, So sorry for the loss of your Mother. You are in Our thoughts & Prayers. With Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Debby Hopp- Anderson



Debby Hopp Anerson - August 06, 2024 at 11:31 PM

DA

“ Debby Hopp Anerson lit a candle in memory of Hilda M. Yoder



Debby Hopp Anerson - August 06, 2024 at 11:28 PM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss, she was such a sweet, special lady

Carol Arbuckle - August 06, 2024 at 02:34 PM

AC

“ My sympathy to the family!

Arlene Mathew Castongia - August 06, 2024 at 09:30 AM

JC

Hilda was a very lovely lady with a heart for the Lord. Some years ago, she went on a mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY With the Mount Ayr UMC. She was a wonderful companion and hard worker. She must've been in her 80s at that time. We were truly amazed at her stamina. My condolences to Margaret and the rest of the family.

Jackie Corning - August 06, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MA

I remember that well Jackie. She was that strong and determined in everything she did! Hard working lady and very rarely missed a day of work. Thank you. Margaret

Margaret - August 06, 2024 at 08:08 PM

MA

“ *My condolences to Hilda's family. Sending prayers.*



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**Mary Alberts** - August 05, 2024 at 09:17 PM