



## Mary E. DeVelde

March 7, 1932 - November 20, 2020

Mary E. DeVelde, age 88, of Rensselaer, Indiana passed away Sunday, November 20, 2020 at Franciscan Health East, Lafayette, Indiana.

Mary was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on March 7, 1932 the daughter of Clarence and Clara (Harley) Smith, both deceased. Mary was a graduate of the Fair Oaks High School class of 1951. Mary then attended Kankakee School of Nursing.

Mary worked as an LPN for Dr O'Brien for 14 years and then at Jasper County Hospital in Alterna Care. Mary was a member of St Luke's Lutheran Church in Rensselaer.

Mary is survived by her children: Daniel (Susan) Hammond of Parr, Steven Hammond of Rensselaer, Albert James "Jimmy" DeVelde, and a daughter-in-law Sarah Hammond of Indianapolis; 6 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, a son David Hammond, a granddaughter, and a brother.

A private family funeral service will be held and burial will follow in the Prater Cemetery. Social distancing will be observed and masks must be worn at all

services due to the current pandemic. Memorial contributions may be made to Jasper County Hospice & Home Health Care.

# Cemetery Details

## Prater Cemetery

3795 W 170 N  
Rensselaer, IN

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ I am sorry I did not know of Mary passing. She was a wonderful woman and a good friend to my mother Betty Beeching and grandmother Myrtle Walter. Fly high in heaven Mary.

Pamela Beechng Fitzgerald - July 07, 2024 at 03:41 AM

MR

“ Very nice lady,,will be missed.

Maury Runnion - December 01, 2020 at 09:08 PM

JB

“ Judy Beehler lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



judy beehler - November 29, 2020 at 03:52 PM

DW

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Don and Gloria Waymouth



Don and Gloria Waymouth - November 28, 2020 at 02:03 PM

CM

“ My very special cousin Mary was 12 years old when my sister and I were born. She would babysit and care for us at times when we were just babies. Mary said to me once: "I've seen more of you than most people!"

Through out the years we shared good times and bad times in life. We shared laughter and tears. Her faith in God and her love for Jesus gave me strength and hope and was an inspiration and encouragement not only to me but to many who knew her. Our loss is Heavens gain. I look forward to seeing her again one day.  
Carl and Kathy Meyers Medford, Oregon

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**Carl & Kathy Meyers** - November 26, 2020 at 02:34 PM

 Diane Wolfe

“ Diane Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



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**Diane Wolfe** - November 25, 2020 at 09:04 PM

 Diane Wolfe

“ You will be so missed Aunt Mary. I remember you said how proud you were of me and gave me a stethoscope for my PRactical Nursing Graduation. You always told me how proud you were of my career. You had a great career and were an amazing nurse, Aunt, and friend. Your patients loved you and you had the best Ligh ever! We will miss you!

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**Diane Wolfe** - November 25, 2020 at 09:03 PM

LW

“ Mary was a wonderful nurse. She always had a smile and lots of love for her patients in Alternacare. She spoiled them constantly! Sending prayers to her family.

*Louise Wortley*



**Louise Wortley** - November 25, 2020 at 07:56 PM

CH

“ Mary was such a joy to all that knew her. I remember Mom (Rita Nagel) coming home from Alternacare laughing and sharing another "Mary" story! Our deepest sympathy to Jimmy and all of Mary's family. Bob and Cathy

**Cathy and Bob Hanna** - November 25, 2020 at 02:58 PM

TB

“ Deepest condolences to my good friend Jimmy...love you! Also to Steve and the rest of Mary's family and friends with 🙏

**Tammy Hesson Bottoms** - November 25, 2020 at 02:49 PM

AM

“ Amanda lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



**Amanda** - November 25, 2020 at 05:40 AM

AM

“ She was a wonderful & delightful person to be around. Always made you feel welcomed. She spoke from the heart with the truth, she had the most contagious laugh. She was a great woman. I was honored when she gave me her 1st BP cuff as a graduation present from college. She was a great woman.

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**Amanda** - November 25, 2020 at 05:39 AM

JR

“ I had the privilege of "sort of" working with Mary. I worked in Medical Records at JCH and she often came into our office. It was always a better day when Mary came. She always had us laughing to tears. I still retell some of her stories 34 years after I moved away. Rest in peace Mary. My condolences to her family.

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**Janice Henning Roebuck** - November 24, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DE

“ Worked with Mary many years. I will always remember her laughter, candor in speaking the truth, and love of her family. My prayers for the family..🙏



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**Deb Ellis** - November 24, 2020 at 08:09 PM

JR

“ Judie Rebollo lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



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**Judie Rebollo** - November 24, 2020 at 02:00 PM

LU

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the DeVelde family. We lost a very, very dear friend. We had the good fortune to hold her hand and share our common humanity a few short weeks ago. She smiled her bright smile and even gave us a small sample of her infectious laughter. Her loyal dog London was close by her side and their love and connection was clear.

Mary hosted for more years than I can remember the coffee hour every morning for a select group of friends in the neighborhood. Life was busy but on certain days a quick coffee at Mary's was not to be missed. Never the need to knock and always a pot of coffee brewing. It was nothing short of mission control for the town of Rensselaer. If you wanted to know what was going on you couldn't miss the round table of chatter with Mary at the helm. She was very generous with her opinions... they could heal body or and soul or she could send you running! That was Mary! Every conversation was punctuated with hoots of laughter and tender words of consolation. The world was a more loved and connected place with Mary in it... we all have to remember to put on the pot of coffee... and carry on with her amazing spirit.

*Lynne Udalov (and the whole Chesak family)*

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**Lynne (Chesak) Udalov** - November 24, 2020 at 01:19 PM

KS

“ I remember working with Mary at Jasper County Hospital, she was the sweetest lady, she ALWAYS had a smile and laugh, she was a very special person. My deepest sympathy to her family.



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**Kellie Stuhmacher** - November 24, 2020 at 12:39 PM

DL

“ To Mary's Family, My sincere and deepest sympathy to you on the passing of your dear mother. Mary was a unique, memorable lady and she was loved by all. Her laugh was the best!! When your family lived on Melville Street my family was your neighbors to the north (corner of Cherry & Melville). You might remember my late brother Arnold. I did some babysitting for the older boys. Later when my late father was in Alternacare Mary was his nurse. She took good care of him as she did all of her patients. Daddy enjoyed Mary so much. She kept him laughing!!! Life without her won't be quite the same, but you'll always have your great memories of her. Hold on to those memories, and thank God that He gave you such a special mother.  
Dorothy Gilbert Lefler



Dorothy Gilbert Lefler - November 24, 2020 at 12:26 PM

DT

“ Diana Tiede lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



Diana Tiede - November 24, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DB

“ Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



Deric and Mindy Beier - November 24, 2020 at 10:03 AM

NK

“ *RIP my sweet neighbor Mary .*



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**Noreen Kerns** - November 24, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Diana Hanford lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



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**Diana Hanford** - November 24, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *My condolences to all of you. Mary was such a strong beautiful lady. Im so glad to have memories of having coffee with her and others around the table in the mornings. The way she accepted me as a sister and a sister in Christ. Being accepted into your family was a selfless normal activity for you all. I love you all and will be praying for you through this very difficult time. Diana*

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**Diana Hanford** - November 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM

MS

“ *Mary, you were a great nurse, loved your laugh. You were one smart cookie!!*

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**Merrie Etta Stowers** - November 24, 2020 at 09:45 AM

CQ

“ Always loved working with Mary. So many good memories of her. Always a smile and her laugh was so contagious. So very sorry for your loss.

Cheryl Querry - November 24, 2020 at 09:24 AM

GL

“ Gloria lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



Gloria - November 24, 2020 at 08:31 AM

MB

“ Dan and Susan,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Myles



Myles Beeching - November 24, 2020 at 08:25 AM

TP

“ Terry Postma lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



Terry Postma - November 24, 2020 at 08:18 AM

RC

“ Regina Cover-Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



Regina Cover-Sanders - November 24, 2020 at 07:52 AM

RC

*You were a great Nurse, beautiful woman, and an unique sense of humor was loved by all.*

Regina Cover-Sanders - November 24, 2020 at 07:54 AM

CS

“ Cindy Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde



Cindy Sheffer - November 24, 2020 at 07:28 AM

GE

“ You are missed, love you. Now the coffee clutch ladies are reunited in heaven, AMEN.



Gabriel Edwards - November 24, 2020 at 03:37 AM

MA

“ *Marilynlowry lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



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**Marilynlowry** - November 23, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MA

*Mary's laughter will always be remembered truly a wonderful nurse*

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**Marilynlowry** - November 23, 2020 at 10:02 PM

SS

“ *Shiela Scott lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



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**Shiela Scott** - November 23, 2020 at 09:32 PM

ED

“ *I'm sorry to hear about Mary's passing.  
She was a good woman who always made me feel welcome in her home.  
She will be missed by many.*

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**Ed Davisson** - November 23, 2020 at 08:32 PM

EP

“ *She was a peach and a friendly loving soul. My condolences to her family. Prayers for God's comfort during this difficult time. She was indeed a friend! Rest in peace, Mary!*



Elizabeth Prohosky - November 23, 2020 at 06:37 PM

JB

“ *John And Terry Bufkin lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



John and Terry Bufkin - November 23, 2020 at 06:04 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



Jerry miller - November 23, 2020 at 05:22 PM

JC

“ *One of the nicest and loving people I have ever known. When I was Dr. O'Briens patient I couldn't wait for an appointment just so I could see Mary! Another heavenly angel to brighten Gods Kingdom. Peace and Blessings for her family. 🕊️🕊️*



Jane Cox - November 23, 2020 at 04:58 PM

DH

“ *Doris Hammersley lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



**Doris Hammersley** - November 23, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *I can hear her laugh. That and her caring for the DeMoss girls at Doc O'Brien's office. I know she loved Beethoven that I gave her. RIP dear lady. Deb Allen*

**Debra Allen** - November 23, 2020 at 03:58 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



**Judy Burvan** - November 23, 2020 at 03:57 PM

LT

“ *Lucille Tunis lit a candle in memory of Mary E. DeVelde*



**Lucille Tunis** - November 23, 2020 at 02:56 PM

GS

“ Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Mary  
E. DeVelde



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**Gary Sheffer** - November 23, 2020 at 02:29 PM