



Mary R. Hammond

February 5, 1935 - January 22, 2026

Mary Ruth Hammond, a devoted pillar of the Rensselaer community, passed away peacefully at the age of 90. Born on February 5, 1935, in Winamac, IN, to Clarence and Grace (Hassenplug) Reinhold. Mary lived a life defined by service, faith, and family.

On September 19, 1953, Mary married the love of her life, Howard “Bud” Hammond in Rensselaer. Together they built a legacy of kindness that spanned decades. Mary was a familiar and friendly face to generations of local children, serving as a dedicated bus driver for the Rensselaer Central School Corporation for over 30 years.

A woman of deep faith and active hands, Mary was a longtime member of Parr Baptist Church in Parr, IN. She found great joy in helping with church activities and spending time in her garden.

Mary is survived by her sons and daughter, Jerry Hammond, Rick (Barb) Hammond, Ron (Karen) Hammond, Julia (Mike) Carter, and her sister, Florence Johns, 9 beloved grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard “Bud” Hammond.

A graveside service will be held at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 2:00 PM CT. Arrangements are being handled with care by Jackson Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

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

Previous Events

Graveside Services

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Carol and I send our condolences to the entire family on your loss.
Many blessings to you.

Alan Hurley - February 03 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ Judie Steiner lit a candle in memory of Mary
R. Hammond



Judie Steiner - February 02 at 07:17 PM

MB

“ Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of
Mary R. Hammond



Myles Beeching - January 29 at 01:05 PM

KJ

“ Aunt Mary is so missed already. I have several fond memories of running around on her and Uncle Bud's little farm. They tended to their apple orchard and tomato plants with a natural expertise, sharing the bounty of fruit with many family and friends. They were always present at Christmas gatherings at grandmas. Helping set up tables, busy in the kitchen-always with a smile upon their faces. When they were sitting still, they were always side by side. I know she missed Uncle Bud when he went on home to Heaven. It brings some comfort knowing that they are once again, side by side. I'm sure they'll be tending to God's garden. Lots of love and hugs sent out to you Jerry, Ronnie, Ricky, Julie and to your entire families. From cousin Karon.



Karon Joseph - January 28 at 08:42 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mary R. Hammond.



January 27 at 08:14 AM

TF

“ The Laird Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary R. Hammond.

The Laird Family - January 27 at 08:14 AM

WJ

“ So sorry to her children. Mary was a great lady. I remember her from church.

Wanda Joseph - January 24 at 10:26 PM

DA

“ Dale & Janet Alter lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Hammond



Dale & Janet Alter - January 24 at 03:33 PM

LK

“ Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Hammond



Larry and Judy Koebcke - January 24 at 02:22 PM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Hammond



Greg Kaufman - January 24 at 11:11 AM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Hammond*



Jerry Miller - January 23 at 07:21 PM

RH

“ *Mary (my mother in law) was the greatest! We had great times when we were together. She was there for me when my own mother passed away over 30 years ago. She then became my mother that I could confide in, laugh with, cry with and keep my faith strong. She will be missed.*

I can see her now, dancing in heaven with Jesus and finally seeing dad again, her family and friends that have passed on before her. What a wonderful gift that the Lord gave when he created Mary for us to love!

Karen (Ellis) Hammond

ronald Hammond - January 23 at 06:37 PM

RH

“ *Ronald Hammond lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Hammond*



ronald Hammond - January 23 at 06:25 PM

RH

“ Ronald Hammond sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary R. Hammond



ronald Hammond - January 23 at 06:24 PM

LE

“ Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Hammond



Lynda Edwards - January 23 at 04:35 PM

JE

“ Mary was a kind soul and great lady. We first met when she drove the bus on many band trips. In later years, Mary cleaned our house. Cleaning after our family with 6 kids was no easy task, but she did it well and never complained. She was still cleaning our house until we moved to Florida 8 years ago. Prayers for her family.

Jim Earnest - January 23 at 04:13 PM