



## Shirley M. Bretzinger

April 7, 1927 - September 27, 2015

Shirley Marie Bretzinger, 88, of Rensselaer passed away Sunday, September 27, 2015, at George Ade Memorial Healthcare in Brook, Indiana. Shirley was born in Ashkum, Illinois on April 7, 1927, the daughter of David T. and Vena M. (Gagnon) Smith.

On November 27, 1945, in Rensselaer, Shirley married Frank Bretzinger and they were the parents of two children, David (wife Debbie) Bretzinger of Newburgh, IN and Marcia (husband Michael) Scriptor of Goodland, IN. Other survivors include 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a sister, Marcella Miller of Rensselaer, IN.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband Frank who passed away on July 10, 2000, her parents, a granddaughter, a great-great grandson, and 12 siblings.

For 19 ½ years Shirley was a cook at the Rensselaer Central High School where she prepared delicious school lunches and made many friends. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Rensselaer, the American Legion Post #29 Ladies Auxiliary, the VFW Post #1279 Ladies Auxiliary and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2548 where she was awarded the Golden Eagle.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer Wednesday, September 30, 2015, from 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Interment will be at a later date at Memory

Gardens Cemetery, Rensselaer. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 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>

## Service

SEP 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - September 29, 2015 at 04:09 PM



Kimberly Stone

*thank you so much for this. Its hard to watch but so beautiful*

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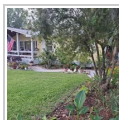
**Kimberly Stone** - September 29, 2015 at 07:49 PM



*Great tribute to Shirley. Thoughts and prayers with your family!*

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**Deb (Smith) Chenoweth** - September 29, 2015 at 10:24 PM



*Thanks for the great tribute and photos of her beautiful smiles. Rest in Peace Aunt Shirley.*

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**Sherry Bretzinger** - September 30, 2015 at 01:00 PM



*very very nice jacksons did a wonderful job thank you very much*

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**daughter of shirley bretzinger** - September 30, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ Dawn & Marcia, I'm so sorry. Shirley was such a lovely lady. I was thinking about her the other day and was wondering where she was. I had lost track of of her since she left the house on Melville Street. I planned to contact one of you and visit with her. Now it's too late - my loss.

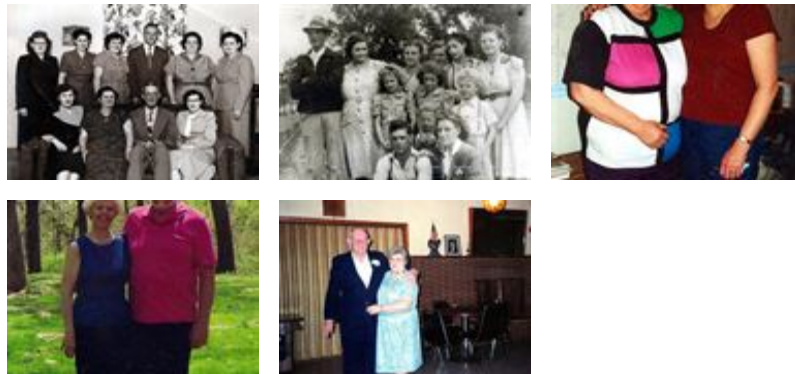


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**Doris Hammersley** - September 29, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - September 29, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ Shirley and Frank were such good friends with our parents, Robert and Shirley.. Lots of good memories! You will all be in our prayers.



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**liz (Hoeflerlin) Yeoman** - September 29, 2015 at 12:34 PM

LW

“ *Linda (Vaughn) Williams lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



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**Linda (Vaughn) Williams** - September 29, 2015 at 11:57 AM

CD

“ *Carrla Bretzinger Dwoznik lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



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**Carrla Bretzinger Dwoznik** - September 29, 2015 at 08:46 AM

CD

*My sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with her entire family. I have many great memories of Aunt Shirley while growing up of our big Bretzinger family reunions and other get together. She will be missed.*

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**Carrla Bretzinger Dwoznik** - September 29, 2015 at 09:02 AM

JB

*my sympathies and prayers go out to the family.i loved going to aunt shirleys and uncle franks we had so much fun there. her and art are probly havind a dance together as I write this. Joanna wellman bouchard*

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**joanna bouchard** - September 29, 2015 at 05:53 PM

RB

“ *Rose Bretzinger Browning lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



Rose Bretzinger Browning - September 29, 2015 at 08:26 AM

RB

*God gained another Angel <3*

Rose Bretzinger Browning - September 29, 2015 at 08:27 AM

KE

“ *Luv u Grammy rest in peace now*💔💔💔💔💔

kendra - September 28, 2015 at 11:27 PM

DW

“ *Dave & Becky (Ulm) Walter lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



Dave & Becky (Ulm) Walter - September 28, 2015 at 10:29 PM

BR

“ *This lady was a wonderful women. Not only was she my far distant cousin but she was like a grandma. I am very happy to be able to take care of her the 2 years I worked at George ade. Also even the last visit before she found peace. I love u grandma Shipley rest easy*

Brandy - September 28, 2015 at 08:58 PM

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“ I feel blessed to have known Shirley! She truly was an amazing lady! I feel blessed to have been able to help take care of her in her last days here on earth. Prayers to all of her family and friends!



Anna Ross (CNA) - September 28, 2015 at 08:49 PM

DE

“ Debbie lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger



debbie - September 28, 2015 at 08:37 PM

DF

“ Dear Family,  
We are sorry to hear about Shirley.  
We are "Thinking of All of You", at this time.  
With Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Debby Hopp- Anderson & Family



Debby Hopp- Anderson & Family - September 28, 2015 at 08:29 PM

JM

“ Jessica M. lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger



Jessica M. - September 28, 2015 at 08:21 PM

RB

“ Aunt Shirley, was one of a kind soul. Deep down she knew what to say and when to say it. But, way down deep in her heart is what I will always remember the most of my Aunt. She cared about her family and friends! My prayer goes out to David, and Marsha and our entire family & Friends. James & Debra Bretzinger

Rev. James & Debra Bretzinger - September 28, 2015 at 07:52 PM

TB

“ Tammy Bottoms lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger



Tammy Bottoms - September 28, 2015 at 07:19 PM

TB

Beautiful inside and out....always a smile! She will be sadly missed by her many friends and especially by her loved ones. Save us all a place Ms. Shirley and we shall meet again on those streets of gold! RIP My friend~

Tammy Bottoms - September 28, 2015 at 07:21 PM

BM

“ Words can't express what I am feeling right now. I have lost a wonderful aunt and friend. I will always remember to good times we had. She loved life and loved to laugh. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Barb Miller - September 28, 2015 at 05:25 PM

JF

“ *Judy Siegrist And Family lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



**Judy Siegrist and family** - September 28, 2015 at 05:08 PM

JO

“ *Joann lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



**Joann** - September 28, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SL

“ *Stan & Hedy Larson lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



**Stan & Hedy Larson** - September 28, 2015 at 04:16 PM

JH

“ *Jeff Hesson lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



**Jeff Hesson** - September 28, 2015 at 03:33 PM

AN

“ *Annie lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Bretzinger*



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**Annie** - September 28, 2015 at 03:32 PM

JH

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to a wonderful family. She will be dearly missed. Shirley please say hello to Gabby for me!*

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**Jeff Hesson** - September 28, 2015 at 03:32 PM