



## Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt

November 11, 1925 - September 20, 2023

Beatrice Antoinette (née Chiaravalle) McDevitt, age 97, of Hobart, passed away September 20, 2023. Beatrice was born in DuBois, Pennsylvania and moved to Gary, Indiana as a young girl. She was the eldest of four sisters: Beatrice, Berta, Teckla, and Livia (who died shortly after birth). Beatrice was a graduate of Horace Mann High School and worked throughout her teen years to help her family financially. She enjoyed sewing and horseback riding as a young woman. Beatrice worked at the Department of the Navy in Washington D.C. during WWII. After the war, she returned to Gary and worked at NIPSCO. She met Richard "Dick" McDevitt, whom she married in 1948. Beatrice worked at clothing stores in Hobart and Merrillville, something that gave her great joy because she took delight in helping women select outfits. She loved clothes and happily passed that enthusiasm on to her four daughters.

Beatrice was preceded in death by her parents Salvatore and Fortunata Chiaravalle, her husband, Richard, and her sisters Berta Gately and Teckla Chiaravalle. She is survived by her children: Dan (Marilyn) McDevitt, Denise Woods (late Dennis), Richard (Patty) McDevitt, Donna (Dean) McCauley, Dean (Michele) McDevitt, David (Erin) McDevitt, Diann (Bill) Thomson, and Dawn (Charlie) Smith, 15 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by special niece Joanne (Steve) Gallagher and special nephew Joe (Kathryn) Gately as well as numerous other nieces and nephews. Family was the most important thing in her life.

Beatrice was loved by everyone who knew her. She spent her 97 years on

earth being a wonderful Mom, Nana, and Bis-Nana. She was our mentor, confidant, and a shining example of how to be a good person. She will be missed but remembered with deep love. Thanks to the wonderful staff at Brentwood Senior Living in Hobart and Dunes Hospice for treating Beatrice with kindness and respect the last years of her life and allowing her to pass with dignity.

Visitation for Beatrice will be Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023, DIRECTLY at St. Bridget Catholic Church, 107 Main Street, Hobart, Fr. Benjamin Ross officiating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Bridget Catholic Church  
107 Main Street  
Hobart, IN 46342

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Marc R. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*



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**Marc R.** - September 28, 2023 at 02:28 PM

MR

“ *Marc R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*

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**Marc R.** - September 28, 2023 at 02:28 PM

JL

“ *Jenny L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*

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**Jenny L.** - September 28, 2023 at 09:52 AM

TF

“ *The Barth Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*



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**The Barth Family** - September 27, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.



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September 27, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.



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September 26, 2023 at 02:26 PM

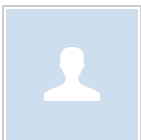


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.



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September 25, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *Garden Bench - "Gone yet not forgotten..."* was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.



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September 25, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.



September 25, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.

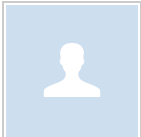


September 25, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.

September 25, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.



September 25, 2023 at 02:40 PM

EF

“ *Ellie and The Thomson Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*



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**Ellie and The Thomson Family** - September 25, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*



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September 25, 2023 at 11:41 AM

TO

“ *The Joseph DiGiacomo Family in Cleveland Ohio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*

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**The Joseph DiGiacomo Family in Cleveland Ohio** - September 24, 2023 at 02:10 PM

TO

“ *The Joseph DiGiacomo Family in Cleveland Ohio purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*



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**The Joseph DiGiacomo Family in Cleveland Ohio** - September 24, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*



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September 23, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dan, Marilyn, and the entire McDevitt family,  
As long time Gravel Lake neighbors of Dan & Marilyn, Jean & I wish to extend our condolences on the loss of your beloved mother. Though we never met Beatrice we felt we knew her because Dan often would assume an Italian accent and lovingly speak of lessons learned and enduring memories of his mother. How fortunate you were to have her with you for so many decades. You have precious memories to be with you forever. John & Jean*

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**John Deren & Jean Bahnsen** - September 23, 2023 at 07:48 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt.*



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September 22, 2023 at 04:58 PM

DN

“ Dorothy Ney lit a candle in memory of  
Beatrice Antoinette McDevitt



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Dorothy Ney - September 22, 2023 at 03:59 PM

LP

“ Dan, Denise, Dick, Donna, Dean, David, Dawn and Diane  
What a blessing you all have each other to celebrate the life of this  
amazing mom!! So many memories hanging out at the McDevitt  
house. Bea and Dick always felt like a second mom and dad,  
always in the kitchen keeping a close eye on everything.

Great family.... Awesome Mom ☐

With Love,

Liz Finan Poracky

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Liz Finan Poracky - September 22, 2023 at 12:41 PM

DM

Thank you so much Liz for your beautiful and thoughtful message. Bea  
and Dick loved when all of our friends would come over and hang out  
around the kitchen table.

Life is made up of love, kindness and good times with family and  
friends; Mom and Dad's lives were well lived. We are beyond blessed  
to have had so much time with our loving Mom.

We all miss Mom dearly but are also grateful that she has rejoined  
Dad, her parents, sisters, friends and family in heaven!

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Donna McCauley - September 26, 2023 at 08:00 AM

TF

The McDevitt Family - Vi porgo le mie più sentite condoglianze.

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The Barth Family - September 27, 2023 at 08:31 PM