



## Leona M Cutsinger

October 7, 1932 - September 8, 2015

Leona M. Cutsinger, age 82 of Lake Station, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family and Pastor, September 8, 2015. She was a longstanding member of the Central Church of God in Portage, where she served as Sunday School secretary for 50 years. Leona was also very involved with the Girl Scouts for 45 years. She retired from the License Branch in Lake Station.

She was preceded in death by her husband- Roy; siblings- Anna Faye Hinton, Willard, Billy, Gerald Gipson.

Leona is survived by 3 daughters- Jackie (Wayne) Crandall, Carolyn (Forest) Schlatter, and Marilyn Howard; 8 grandchildren- Diana Perry, Levi and Damon Howard, Nicole (Dan) Moy, Jeremy and Brandon Crandall, Samuel and Carlee Schlatter; 6 great-grandchildren- Steven, Nathan, Jordan, Ethan, Zebulon, and Brielle; sisters- Atta Belle Helman and Lois Crise; several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 3-8 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at Central Church of God, 5120 Central Ave., Portage, IN. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015 at Central Church of God. Interment at Ridgelawn Cemetery. Donations may be made to Central Church of God for missions. Burns Funeral Home, Hobart, in charge of arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ridgelawn Cemetery

4401 Broadway  
Gary, IN 46408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Central Church of God  
5120 Central Ave.  
Portage, IN 46368

## Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Central Church of God  
5120 Central Ave.  
Portage, IN 46368

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leona M Cutsinger.*



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September 11, 2015 at 09:06 PM

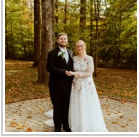


“ *Leona, you will truly be missed. Your dedication and faithfulness to our church family made you one of the strong pillars that we could always lean on. You always made sure that I receive my Sunday School materials every quarter & made sure we didn't miss out on all those Girl Scout cookies!*

*Every time I walked by your office on Sunday mornings you had a smile to offer and a light hearted spirit. Tell Jesus I said Hi, when you see Him! Kara and I will miss you greatly.*

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Tino Jimenez Jr. - September 10, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ I've known my grandmother my whole life, but I guess I'll start with a lighter memory. I had a friend my Sophomore year of high school who was a foreign exchange student from Thailand. Mamaw had never met her before, but she still friended her on Facebook and wished her a happy birthday, which happened to fall on Thanksgiving. Mamaw included in her message a happy Thanksgiving, even though Emma (my friend from Thailand) did not celebrate Thanksgiving where she lived.

I will always remember Mamaw's strength and I constantly strive to match it. The nurse who was taking care of her at the hospital before she passed said she quickly caught on that she was a tough lady. And she was. She grew up during the Great Depression, when she was growing up in a house with 5 (6?) siblings and they had to stretch a dollar to be able to buy groceries. She never put anything to waste, never threw anything out.

She carried around a Christmas blanket to keep her warm, even in the hot summer months of June and July. Some people would question her if she wanted a different blanket, but that was her blanket.

The Girl Scouts were a tradition in our family. My mom and my aunts were girl scouts and I was a girl scout. I think Mamaw liked the Girl Scouts and encouraged us to be Girl Scouts because the organization raises strong, intelligent young women who know they can do (what used to be considered) a man's job but will show the love of a mother.

Mamaw could capture your heart in a moment. Everybody who met her loved her and she loved them in return and she would make sure they were cared for. I will miss her so much, but I will strive to keep her memory alive by being the Christian she would want me to be.

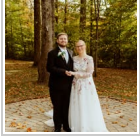
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**Carlee Schlatter** - September 09, 2015 at 10:26 PM

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*AMEN GIRL!!!!!! That sums it up!!! Way to go, Carlee!!!!!!*

**Jackie Crandall** - September 12, 2015 at 06:55 PM



“ *Carlee Schlatter lit a candle in memory of  
Leona M Cutsinger*



**Carlee Schlatter** - September 09, 2015 at 10:08 PM