



Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin

February 28, 1937 - March 8, 2026

Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin, age 89, was born on February 28, 1937, in Gary, Indiana, and went home to heaven on March 8, 2026.

Bunny grew up in Gary with her parents, Emil and Teresa Perrotta, surrounded by a large, fun-loving Italian and Hungarian family who shaped her joyful spirit. She shared a close bond with her siblings and was blessed with countless aunts, uncles, and cousins who filled her childhood with laughter, tradition, and love. Family was never just important to Bunny — it was everything.

After graduating from Lew Wallace High School in 1955, she attended Indiana University, majoring in elementary education. During her years at IU, she proudly joined Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was an Indiana University cheerleader — a role that fit her perfectly. She had the energy, the smile, and the contagious enthusiasm of someone born to lift others up. It was also at Indiana University where she met her college sweetheart and the love of her life, Sam.

Bunny and Sam were married in 1960 and shared 37 beautiful years together, raising six children in Valparaiso, Indiana, before his passing in 1997.

Together they built a home that was warm, welcoming, and full of life. As a devoted stay-at-home mother, Bunny poured herself into creating a place where everyone felt loved. She was in the stands at sporting events, hosting family gatherings, planning celebrations, and always ready with a hug or a little song for any occasion.

Her faith was the foundation of her life. A devout Catholic, Bunny dedicated herself to loving and serving Jesus. She was an active member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Valparaiso beginning in 1976 and gave generously of her time and heart. For 18 years, she taught third-grade religious instruction, shaping young hearts in their faith journey. She also participated in the Welcoming Committee, Consolation Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, and Senior Circle. Beyond her parish, she was active in the Crisis Center, St. Mary Jr. Guild, served on the Board of Directors of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Valparaiso University, was a lifetime member of the IU Alumni Association, remained involved in her local Panhellenic organization, and supported the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society and the Northwest Indiana Art Institute Association.

Her weekly breakfast and prayer group were a treasured part of her spiritual life. Those friendships sustained her and reflected her deep commitment to prayer and community.

In 2021, Bunny moved to Elmhurst to be closer to her children and grandchildren — and to continue cheering from the sidelines at almost every one of her grandchildren's many sporting events. She quickly became involved at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, volunteering on several committees and greeting parishioners at Mass with the same warmth she carried everywhere she went.

Bunny had a bubbly personality and an infectious laugh that could light up any room. She was classy, energetic, and full of joy. She loved dancing, playing bridge, attending sporting events, and celebrating life at every opportunity. Alongside Sam, she was Indiana University's biggest fan, cheering faithfully for the Hoosiers in basketball and football. She was also a loyal Chicago Bears season ticket holder and cheered just as passionately for the Chicago Cubs. No matter the team or the venue, Bunny showed up dressed head to toe in her game-day attire, fully committed to the celebration.

Bunny also treasured her friendships and was a caring friend to many. She had a gift for knowing exactly what to say and took great care in choosing the

perfect card to mark life's moments, making others feel seen, valued, and deeply loved.

She was the life of every party and the steady heart of her family. She loved celebrating with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and nothing delighted her more than being surrounded by the people she loved most. Her smile, hugs, songs, and laughter will resonate in the hearts of all who knew her.

Above all, Bunny was a woman of deep and unwavering faith. She lived her life as a celebration of God's goodness, modeling kindness, joy, strength, and devotion. She was the epitome of a woman of God and the most beautiful role model to her family.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sam Furlin; her parents, Emil and Teresa Perrotta; and her siblings Carole Birchler and Emil "Cappy" Perrotta.

She is lovingly remembered by her six children: Jeff (Lynne) Furlin, Rene (Brent) Paddock, Joe (Lily) Furlin, Laura Furlin DeBlasio, Lisa (Mark) Burnison, and David (Janelle) Furlin.

She was a devoted grandmother to Anthony (Jill) Furlin, Teress (Zack) Wallace, Paul (Shannon) Furlin, Gina (Cris) Burrough, Sam (Anne) Paddock, Jack Paddock, Isaac DeBlasio, Angelina DeBlasio, Will Paddock, Gia Furlin, Max Burnison, Jane Paddock, Miles Burnison, Sofia Furlin, Lilly Burnison, Grant Furlin, Everett Furlin, Alexander Furlin, and an expected grandchild on the way due in May; and a proud great-grandmother to Dominic Wallace, Sienna Wallace, Vincent Wallace, and two expected great-grandchildren on the way due in August.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. directly at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1855 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso, IN. Rev. Roque Meraz officiating.

Interment at Calvary Cemetery, 2701 Willowdale Road, Portage, IN.
Her family finds comfort in knowing she is reunited at last with her beloved Sam, resting in God's embrace, her joyful laugh surely echoing in heaven. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Crisis Center, Inc. – Northwest Indiana, <https://crisiscenterysb.org/donate>, continuing Bunny's legacy of love, faith, and service to those in need. Please visit Bunny's online obituary and guestbook at www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road
Portage, IN 46368

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Visitation

MAR 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

St. Paul Catholic Church
1855 W.Harrison Blvd.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (cst)

St. Paul Catholic Church
1855 W.Harrison Blvd.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Interment

MAR 20. 11:30 AM (cst)

Calvary Cemetery
2701 Willowdale Road
Portage, IN 46368

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

March 23 at 12:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



March 23 at 12:05 PM



“ “Bunny” was a source of warmth, joy, and happiness to all who knew her and she will be dearly missed. We loved that she was “Grandma Bunny” to our children when their own grandparents were hundreds of miles away. We will treasure our memories of fun times with Bunny hanging out in the neighborhood, gathering at our favorite pizza place, and celebrating various family milestones. It’s no surprise that she was at the center of an incredible family and extended family – to the Furlin family (Rene, Jeff, and the entire family we’ve had the good fortune to meet over the years), you have our deepest condolences for your loss.

Love, the Pozzebon’s (Rob, Patty, Taylor and Andrew)

Patty Donnelly - March 19 at 07:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



March 19 at 02:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

March 19 at 02:08 PM



“ From your clinical staff and providers. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



From your clinical staff and providers. - March 19 at 01:37 PM



“ From your clinical staff and providers. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

From your clinical staff and providers. - March 19 at 01:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.*



March 19 at 01:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

March 19 at 01:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.*



March 19 at 08:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

March 19 at 08:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.*



March 18 at 01:29 PM

MF

“ *Mapes and Cooney Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.*



Mapes and Cooney Families - March 18 at 10:57 AM

BD

“ *Jeff, Rene, Joe, Laura, Lisa and David - I am so sorry to hear about your mom passing away. I can remember Halloween growing up on Grant Place in Country Club Heights. No treats dropped in a bag at the Furlin house. Your mom would open up the garage, set up picnic tables, decorate with orange and black balloons and SERVE hot chocolate, apple cider, plain and cinnamon donuts to all the neighborhood kids. Wow, was that fun! We always found a way to circle back for seconds.*
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless.
Bob Denta

Bob Denta - March 18 at 06:59 AM

LM

“ *Lindsey, Maria, Hayz, Anne, Madi and Mak purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.*



Lindsey, Maria, Hayz, Anne, Madi and Mak - March 17 at 07:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



March 17 at 07:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

March 17 at 07:27 PM



“ J S. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



J S. - March 16 at 06:03 PM



“ To the Furlin Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Beautiful lady with a beautiful family. May memories be joyful. Fondly, Dave & Karen Smith

karen smith - March 16 at 05:26 PM

MT

“ MacKenzie (Darla) Tranberg purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



MacKenzie (Darla) Tranberg - March 16 at 03:53 PM

BF

“ Betty Paddock and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



Betty Paddock and Family - March 16 at 02:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

March 15 at 06:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



March 15 at 06:45 PM

KA

“ I am so very sorry to have heard of Bunny's passing. I have many memories of going to Viking basketball games, starring all kinds of Furlin kids, with Bunny and Sam and a whole group of friends - Good times! Condolences to all of her family.
Kent Armstrong

Kent Armstrong - March 14 at 09:45 PM

MP

“ In memory of a special woman. Bunny brought kindness, warmth, and joy wherever she went. We'll always remember how much fun it was when she came to visit and joined us for Gramboli's and in the cul-de-sac . Always laughing, chatting, and being part of the Wellcroft Lane family. She will be deeply missed ❤️

With love,
The Perkins

Marla Perkins - March 13 at 11:21 AM

TP

“ The Perkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

The Perkins - March 13 at 11:18 AM

TP

“ The Perkins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



The Perkins - March 13 at 11:18 AM

EG

“ Erica G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



Erica G. - March 13 at 11:13 AM

TF

“ The Heyman Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



The Heyman Family - March 13 at 10:48 AM

RB

“ Robert J Behrend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

Robert J Behrend - March 13 at 10:35 AM

RB

“ Robert J Behrend purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



Robert J Behrend - March 13 at 10:35 AM

TC

“ Tammie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

Tammie C. - March 12 at 02:56 PM

JD

“ A gift has been sent in memory of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin to help feed the hungry who rely on the Franciscan Bread for the Poor Breadline for physical and spiritual sustenance each day. May her memory be a blessing.

Jane DiGiacomo

Jane DiGiacomo - March 12 at 02:11 PM

MW

“ To know her is to love her. It was true genuine friendship for over 50 years. Bunny always brought a joyful heart filled with God's love to our prayer group. Many prayers for the family. Love bunches. Mella Wargo

Mella Wargo - March 12 at 11:07 AM

BB

“ Bryan and seph bruce purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



Bryan and seph bruce - March 11 at 11:05 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bunny Furlin. She was so lovely: warm smile that could brighten a room, kindness, and a lively, fun way about her that made you want to be in her presence. My condolences go out to her children and all her loved ones.

Barbara Wisdom

Barbara Wisdom - March 11 at 05:05 PM



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March 11 at 12:59 PM



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March 11 at 12:59 PM

AR

“ All of Us at Veritas Realty purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



All of Us at Veritas Realty - March 11 at 09:34 AM

GN

“ Gary & Mona Nondorf purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



Gary & Mona Nondorf - March 11 at 08:16 AM

GN

“ Gary & Mona Nondorf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

Gary & Mona Nondorf - March 11 at 08:16 AM

GF

“ God Bless! The Muñoz Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



God Bless! The Muñoz Family - March 10 at 10:18 PM

TF

“ The Corns Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



The Corns Family - March 10 at 10:15 PM

CF

“ Our deepest condolences to the whole Furlin family. She will be sorely missed! Dearest Bunny... Thank you for the wonderful memories ❤️😊. Love from the Corns family

Corns Family - March 10 at 09:57 PM

RS

“ My deepest condolences and prayers go out to Bunny and her entire family. I have known Bunny almost my entire life. She was a second mother to me and my brother Dave. We were always treated as family. Bunny was an incredible friend. I will always love her dearly.

Roger Schaetzel - March 10 at 07:22 PM

SM

“ Sally & Matt McQueen purchased the Fairest of A Il for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



Sally & Matt McQueen - March 10 at 06:42 PM

SM

“ Sally & Matt McQueen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

Sally & Matt McQueen - March 10 at 06:42 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear the loss of your mother. Bunny was so proud of each of you, and enjoyed life to the fullest.

Lorie Cook - March 10 at 06:12 PM

MP

“ To the Furlin family.....so sorry to hear of the passing of your wonderful mother! Dave, haven't been in touch in years, but I remember your mom from our childhood and she was amazing! Our Mom's both were the same and raised beautiful families! May she rest in peace and her memory be eternal. God Bless you and your family during this difficult time. RIP 🙏
Dave reach out if you have time!

Milosh Pujo - March 10 at 04:12 PM

AL

“ I remember as child going to her parents house with my dad and talking to Letitia as a nine year old and having a terrible crush on her; she was one of the nicest people I have ever met,may she be reunited with family and friends aldo largura



Aldo Largura - March 10 at 02:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



March 10 at 02:25 PM

LJ

“ Love, Josh and Kristi Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.

Love, Josh and Kristi Johnson - March 10 at 02:20 PM



“ Love, Josh and Kristi Johnson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



Love, Josh and Kristi Johnson - March 10 at 02:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



March 10 at 12:48 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Letitia "Bunny" Lynn Furlin.



March 10 at 11:58 AM