



## Marie Blackman

January 28, 1931 - September 18, 2024

Marie Blackman (nee Negele) was called home by the Lord on September 18, 2024. Marie was also lovingly known as “Penny” by friends and family.

Marie was born on January 28, 1931, in Ludington, Michigan, the first child of Joseph and Theresa Negele to be born in the United States, after they immigrated from Germany.

After Marie raised her family, she returned to school to complete her education at Highland High School graduating in 1967, from there she advanced on to graduate cum laude at Indiana University and continuing her love of education obtained her master’s degree in education. She taught at Merkley Elementary School in Highland, Indiana. After retirement she enjoyed cross stitch, needle point, quilting, crochet, and created many handmade gifts for loved ones.

When friends and family heard of her passing, the family was flooded with messages of love and appreciation for Marie. They have lovingly described her as being a woman of class and dignity, treating everyone with respect, and she being so kind.

Marie was welcomed into heaven by those who preceded her in death.

Parents: Joseph and Theresa Negele, husbands: William Bishop and Norman Blackman, children: Kristine (Joseph) Thomas, Bonny Bishop, William Bishop, siblings: John Negele, Carl Negele, Veronica Smith, Donald Negele, Joseph Negele, Edward Negele, Theresa Larkin.

She is survived by her daughter: Geraldine Bishop Ford, daughter in law: Laura Bishop, grandchildren: Allen Thomas, Wesley (Angela) Thomas,

William (Susi) Bishop, James Bishop, Jennifer (Jair) Vite, Aaron (Alyssa) Diaz, Rachel (Apollo) Russell. Great-grandchildren: Nina and Pierce Thomas, William, Santi, and Miley Bishop, Jazzlin and Jason Vite, Robert Rios, Katy Duffoo, Mateo and Rosalee Diaz, as well and numerous nieces and nephews. A graveside service will take place at Memory Lane Memorial Park 6305 Lincoln Hwy Crown Point, Indiana 46307 on Friday, September 27, 2024, at 11 AM. Please meet at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory at 10101 Broadway Crown Point, Indiana 46307 before 10:40 AM CST to go in procession to the cemetery. [www.BurnsFuneral.com](http://www.BurnsFuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memory Lane Cemetery  
6305 W. Lincoln Highway  
Schererville, IN 46375

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Laura, James, Kary, Roberto, Jair, Jenny purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marie Blackman.*



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**Laura, James, Kary, Roberto, Jair, Jenny** - September 26, 2024 at 11:44 PM

GB

“ *Marie, my mother, taught Third Grade. She enjoyed reading, and she bought books for her grandchildren. She remembered her children and grandchildren with cards and gifts that were sometimes books. In remembrance of Mom, I will be buying some books and donating them to a school near her great grandchildren.*

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**Gerry Bishop-Ford** - September 25, 2024 at 05:44 AM

ED

“ *She was such a kind lady who loved her family. She will be missed by all you knew her.*

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**Emilio Diaz** - September 24, 2024 at 05:32 PM

WB

“ *William and Susana Bishop purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marie Blackman.*



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**William and Susana Bishop** - September 24, 2024 at 01:42 PM

MK

“ From the family members of nephews James and Rex Larkin and niece

Mary Kucek.

We remember Aunt Penny for always attending our many special events

and for being an amazing baker! Her cut out cookies were so beautifully

decorated and delicious.

She was the BEST Aunt and Great Aunt, and we will miss her!

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**Mary Kucek** - September 24, 2024 at 01:13 PM

TF

“ The Schaveys and Fords planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie Blackman.

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**The Schaveys and Fords** - September 23, 2024 at 10:36 AM

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“ The Schaveys and Fords purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie Blackman.



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