



Pearl Austgen

June 22, 1918 - November 18, 2010

Pearl Austgen, (nee Brockman) age 92, of Vero Beach, Florida/Dyer, IN, passed away peacefully at St. Anthony Hospice on November 18, 2010. She is survived by her loving children, Patricia (Emil) Perrotta of Chesterton, Dennis (Linda) Austgen of Munster, adoring grandchildren, Theresa Austgen of Bloomington, Robert (Holly) Austgen of Indianapolis and Katharine Austgen of Chicago, Sister-in-law Lee Picano (Austgen) of Ft. Pierce, Florida, numerous nieces and nephews and many close friends in Vero Beach and Indiana, all who cherish greatly the time spent with Pearl.

She was preceded in Death by her husband Robert, parents Minnie (Russell) and Henry Brockman, sisters, Helen Hanish/Halton and Gladys (Clifford) Giese, and niece, Carol Dorn.

Pearl was born in Brunswick, In. and attended grade school for eight years in a one-room schoolhouse. She then attended Dyer High School where she met her beloved husband and soul mate of 64 years, Robert. After High School she attended Business College in Hammond. Pearl and Bob were married on June 22, 1940, the day they both turned 22. Pearl worked side by side with her husband in the family business, Austgen Hardware, until their retirement.

Throughout those years, Pearl was active in the Dyer community being a member of the Dyer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, the Dyer Lady Lions, and St. Joseph Church in Vero Beach, Fl. Pearl was an active member of St. Helen Church where she helped tutor students of the school. Although Bridge was her game of choice and one she was quite proficient in, she particularly enjoyed her Friday night "Poker Gals" get together, and the Austgen family summer Euchre tournaments, where everyone wanted to be her partner.

Pearl set an example for everyone on how to live your life. She was always caring, giving and always enjoying each and every day God gave her on this earth.

In accordance with Pearls wishes, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday December 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 440 Joliet St., Dyer, Indiana, with Rev. Terry Steffens officiating. Cremation prior to the service. Friends are invited to meet with the family at the church from 9:00 am until the time of services at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions to The Dyer Historical Society, One Town Square, Dyer, IN, or to St. Helen Church, 2085 Tallahassee Ave., Vero Beach, FL. 32961, or The Hospice of your choice. Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ To the family and friends of Pearl Austgen, We at United EMS are very sorry for your loss. In the very short time that we have cared for her, we noticed that Pearl was a kind, gentle woman. For those of us who were lucky enough to have had the privilege of meeting her and your family, we are truly grateful! She brought a smile to us all and made the gloomy days much brighter. She had a warm glow that radiated from within her that lit our faces and shared her love with us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Memorial Poem:

Please don't mourn for me, I'm still here, though you don't see.

I'm right by your side each night and day, and within your heart I long to stay.

*My body is gone but I'm always near,
I'm everything you feel, see or hear.*

*My spirit is free, but I'll never depart
as long as you keep me alive in your heart.*

*I'll never wander out of your sight-
I'm the brightest star on a summer night.*

*I'll never be beyond your reach-
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.*

*I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around, and the pure white snow that
blankets the ground.*

*I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond, The clear cool water in a quiet
pond.*

*I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring, the first warm raindrop that
April will bring.*

*I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine, and you'll see that the face
in the moon is mine.*

*When you start thinking there's no one to love you, you can talk to me through
the Lord above you.*

*I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees, and you'll feel my
presence in the soft summer breeze.*

*I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep, and the beautiful dreams that
come while you sleep.*

*I'm the smile you see on a baby's face,
just look for me, I'm everyplace!*

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