



Ruth Carolyn Horkavi

December 19, 1925 - November 15, 2019

Ruth Carolyn (nee Talbert) Horkavi died peacefully on November 15, 2019 from complications from a fall. Although her physical stature had diminished through the years, her heart and her spirit were as big as ever. She was 93.

Carolyn was born in Elwood, the tomato canning mecca of Indiana to Carl and Ruth Talbert on December 19, 1925. She was the third of five children. Being a true middle child, Carolyn learned early on the skills of neutrality and compromise, which would serve her well when raising her own children. Carolyn's family moved to Gary in 1938 and she graduated from Emerson High School in 1943. She married Victor "Bud" Horkavi on October 25, 1947. Carolyn and Bud were married for nearly 60 years, when Bud died at the young age of 84. Carolyn was a dedicated Girl Scout and PTO volunteer, a member of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church and a prodigious prune pierogi pincher. She was an average cook (but made the world's best apple pie), a hard worker, a great crossword and jigsaw puzzle solver, an amazing Scrabble player, and the best mom that her children could ever ask for. She was smart, shy, stubborn, sweet, saintly, stubborn, sassy, and, did we mention? stubborn. She remained sassy until the end. Her faith in God was boundless and the last words she spoke were the Hail Mary. She loved traveling, T-strap shoes, hot tea, vanilla ice cream, and her naturally curly hair, which has been passed on in some abundance to a granddaughter and a great granddaughter.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband Bud, her parents Carl and Ruth Talbert, her 3 sisters, Eileen Altherr, Joan Spurr, and Barbara Distell, her brother Carl Talbert, son-in-law Samuel Shorter and daughter-in-law Phyllis J. Horkavi, AKA Frick, or was it Frack? Carolyn once sadly observed that there was no one left that shared her history; but she was mistaken. We are her history; we live it daily and with thanks.

Carolyn is survived by her six amazing, beautiful, spectacular children, also known as "You people:" Michael, "Angel Baby", (Paula) Horkavi of Abita Springs, LA; Mary Ann (George) McGuan, who cared for our mother with infinite love and patience, of Miller; Martha Shorter of Fort Wayne; David Horkavi of Porter, who took care of our mom with a little less patience but a great deal of love; Bernadette (Martin) Dinehart of Dublin, OH; and Cecilia (William) Spronz of Belvidere, NJ. Carolyn is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild and a whole slew of nieces and nephews. All will miss her dearly as she has left a void that will never be filled.

Carolyn's family would like to thank all of her wonderful neighbors and care givers who kept an eye on her over the past several years, redirected her to her apartment when she got confused and snuck her pieces of candy and pie. Words fail to convey our gratitude.

Visitation for Carolyn will be held on Friday, November 22, 2019, from 3-7:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, with Parastas at 4:15 p.m. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated Saturday, November 23rd, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 West 57th Avenue, Merrillville, In., Fr. Pastor Michal Bucko and Fr. Michael Evanick concelebrating. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Portage. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the following organizations: Religious Sisters of

Mercy, 1965 Michigan Avenue, Alma, MI., 48800, Andean High School, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville, IN., 46410, or Harbor Light Hospice, 1229 Arrowhead Court, Crown Point, IN., 46307. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road
Portage, IN 46368

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 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/>

Parastas Service

NOV **22**. 4:15 PM (CT)

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Funeral liturgy

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church
557 W. 57th Ave.
Merillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Mike, I'm very sorry for your loss.
Ray Skwartz "Skwirter"

Ray - November 22, 2019 at 03:18 PM

TD

“ Tim and Debra purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.



Tim and Debra - November 22, 2019 at 10:07 AM

AS

“ Dear Carolyn,
This year we'll say our Happy Birthday's but mine will go to you in heaven.
Arlene Sawochka

Arlene Sawochka - November 21, 2019 at 08:47 PM

RP

“ Mike & Family:

My deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your mother. From reading the obit. sounds like she was a great Mom, Grandma, Friend and Christian woman that believe in the faith of God. May God bless her and perpetual light shine upon her.

Kathy & Rick Podkul

Richard Podkul - November 21, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.*



November 21, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.*



November 20, 2019 at 09:34 PM



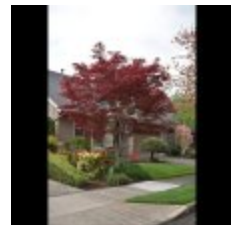
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.*



November 20, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ *The Patriot Life Team purchased the Red Leaf Japanese Maple for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.*



The Patriot Life Team - November 20, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.* ”



November 19, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *Patricia Young purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.* ”



Patricia Young - November 19, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.* ”



November 19, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.* ”



November 18, 2019 at 08:30 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Martin Dinehart - November 18, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ruth Carolyn Horkavi.



November 18, 2019 at 06:46 PM



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