



## Velda E Burch

March 28, 1934 - November 17, 2015

Velda E. (Shippen) "Blondie" Burch, age 81, formerly of Springfield, IL, a resident of Northwest Indiana since 1950, passed away on November 17, 2015. Velda graduated from Springfield High School. She was a waitress at Jack's Waffle Shop in Gary, a manager at Frankenstine Carryouts, and she drove an ice cream truck in Portage for twenty years. She was previously active at Nativity Church in Portage.

Velda was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Leo Burch, her children – Johnny Lee Shippen, Draginja Jovic and Margaret Swigon. She is survived by her sons – Charles (Pam) Shippen of Hobart, Mark (Sheila) Burch of Burns Harbor; seven grandchildren – Peter "P.J." Shippen, Ryan Shippen, Josh Shippen, Kathy Shippen, Candice Burch, Velda Redmond; six great grandchildren; three dear friends – MaryInn Allred, Janet Burch, Cindi Devyak. Funeral service for Velda will be held Friday, November 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart., Fr. Andrew J. Corona officiating. Friends may visit with Velda's family on Thursday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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## funeral

NOV **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ Dear Chuck and Mark,

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. It was always a treat to see and talk with her. The lady radiated strength spunk and courage. She is someone I will always admire. This earth is a lesser place without her.*

*My deepest sympathy to you and yours,*

*Denise Evans*

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**Denise Evans** - November 24, 2015 at 09:51 PM

JG

“ Chuck and Family,

*I just wanted you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May God give you comfort at this difficult time.*



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**Jim Gehring** - November 20, 2015 at 10:46 AM

JC

“ Mark, I only met your Mom for a short visit with Kathy and Heather a few years ago, but she impressed me and have always remembered her great sense of humor. She made me feel welcome and like she had always known me. What a great lady. You must have a ton of fun memories. God Bless. Jim Couch (Kathy Burch's husband)

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**Jim Couch** - November 20, 2015 at 06:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Velda E Burch.*



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November 19, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ *I have known Blondie since I was born. She was a loving and kind woman. I will miss her greatly. She was just like a mother to me. I was very sadden when Charles informed me that she had passed. She was full of love and laughter. I will think of her with the warmest thoughts and the great love she showed to me. Love you Blondie. You will be missed by all. I will see you again one day.*

*Love,*

*Debbie Sullivan*

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**Debbie Sullivan** - November 18, 2015 at 12:16 PM



“ *Mike & Betty Robbins, Debby & Karen, Paul & Carrie, Jim & Kathy purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Velda E Burch.*



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**Mike & Betty Robbins, Debby & Karen, Paul & Carrie, Jim & Kathy** - November 18, 2015 at 11:57 AM

KR

“ I will miss you so much Aunt Velda. You were the best great Aunt anyone could ask for. Love your Great Niece Kayla.



Kayla M Ridge - November 18, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Velda E Burch.



November 18, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Velda E Burch.



November 18, 2015 at 06:51 AM

VW

“ Vicki Lee Wilson lit a candle in memory of Velda E Burch



Vicki Lee Wilson - November 17, 2015 at 09:56 PM

VW

“ Velda, Leo, MaryAnn, Hughie, Betty Sue, all helped raise us until I was 9..Wonderful caring loving People..Velda was always there for anyone to lend a shoulder to cry on or just to be there for you..She was there for me when my dear Mama passed and has always been a very good friend...I Love her & will miss her Terribly/My heart is heavy with Sadness for all of you that she leaves behind. I will eat a Bologna & Potatoe Chip Sandwich in her wonderful Memory//thanks Dear Blondie for the great times <3  
Love Always.  
Vicki Lee

Vicki Lee Wilson - November 17, 2015 at 09:55 PM

JL

“ Joanna Lovenduski sent a virtual gift in memory of Velda E Burch



Joanna Lovenduski - November 17, 2015 at 09:35 PM

JL

I love you velda and you will be truly missed say hi my mom and dad and leo love you jojo

Joanna Lovenduski - November 17, 2015 at 09:38 PM

GB

God has you in his arms, I have you in my heart!!! RIP Aunt Blondie.  
Gigi Conger

Georgianna Conger Boatright - November 18, 2015 at 10:11 AM