



## Velma Jean Jenkins

November 9, 1928 - October 13, 2025

Velma Jean (nee Bair) Jenkins, age 96, of Crown Point, passed away October 13, 2025. She was born on November 9, 1928, in Winamac, IN to Arlo and Mary (nee Hood) Bair. Velma grew up in Winamac and was a graduate of the Class of 1946 in Monterey, IN. She worked at the State Exchange Bank as a proof operator after High School. Velma later moved to South Bend to work for Dr. Pilot's office where she met her husband, Robert Jenkins. They were married on November 14, 1953, and made their home on the south end of South Bend. She was a member of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary, Moose Lodge and the American Legion. Velma enjoyed playing rummy with her grandchildren and playing euchre with her friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arlo and Mary Bair; husband, Robert Jenkins; daughter, Jane Wierenga; grandson, Bradley Wieringa; brothers, Donald (Lily) Bair and Dean Bair. Velma is survived by her daughter, Susan Bowron, of Crown Point; 5 wonderful grandsons; Jeffrey (Cathy) Wallen of Crown Point, Mark Bowron of Crown Point, Scott Wieringa of Knox, Steve (Sheila) Wieringa of Warsaw; 6 great grandchildren who she adored; Rachel and Andrew Wallen of Crown Point, Matthew Wieringa of Michigan, Haley Wieringa of Rochester, Kelsey Wieringa of Argos, Troy Wieringa of Osceola, Bailee and Pasilee Wieringa of Warsaw; 3 great grandchildren, Karter, Karisma, Karsyn; niece, Judy (Ronnie) Leohmer; nephew, Michael Bair; many great nieces and nephews. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

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