



## Mary Evelyn Merriman

October 9, 1928 - October 1, 2025

Mary Evelyn Merriman went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 1, 2025, just days before her 97th birthday. She was born on October 9, 1928, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to John Herbert and Aretta B. Hartman.

Mary attended Indiana University and graduated from the Indiana Business College. She lived a full and vibrant life marked by adventure, faith, and deep love for her family.

From a young age, Mary had a passion for swimming—an interest fostered by her parents, who were charter members of the Riviera Club. Well into her seventies, she logged over 3,000 miles at the YMCA in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her enthusiasm for the outdoors included camping, hiking, tennis, bowling, and ice skating. She was the family historian and an avid photographer, always ready to capture a moment or document family history. In her nineties, Mary's adventurous spirit earned her the "Daredevil Award" at Independence Village in Zionsville, Indiana.

On November 23, 1950, Mary married the love of her life, Ira A. Merriman. Known as Rusty to many, Ira and Mary shared 24 years together in Indianapolis before moving to Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was there Mary became a devoted Packers fan and fell in love with football. Later in life, she

returned to Indianapolis and spent her final years at Independence Village West in Zionsville, where she continued to make new friends and embrace life with her signature joy and energy.

Mary Evelyn is survived by her nine children, along with 109 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Her children are Kathleen Merriman (Jack Honerkamp, deceased), Keith Merriman (Nancy), Andrea Dunlevy (Jerry), Kevin Merriman (Amy), Stephany Scholl (Philip), Aretta Larimore (Dan), Mindy Hochstetler (Dennis), Jim Merriman (Moncia), and Peter Merriman (Leah).

Mary's legacy of faith, courage, and joy continues to flourish through her family. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at North City Church, 7301 Georgetown Road #150, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory in Lebanon, Indiana have been entrusted with her cremation.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

North City Church  
7301 Georgetown Road #150  
Indianapolis, IN 46268

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mary was a treasure in my life! I met her from living at the same apartment in Depere WI for 7 years until she moved to Indianapolis. Our friendship developed over our many common interests..She would cat sit for me if I had to be away from my apartment. We enjoyed dining out together and spent a long weekend for a trip to Indiana. I've missed Mary and now know the rest of her life. May she rest in peace. Blessings to her family.*

*Gayle Brunner*

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