



Marie T. Vessels

April 25, 1926 - February 7, 2023

After 96 full years, Marie joined her husband Heavrin Vessels and daughter Carolyn Britz in heaven on February 7, 2023. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by daughter Anita Thornton, sons-in-law Fred Thornton, William Britz, Grandsons, Jason (Kelly) Britz, Steven (Christina “Nichelle”) Britz and John (Lisa) Thornton by her side. She is survived by great grand-children Ryan and Riley Britz, as well as John, Daniel and Levi Thornton.

Marie was born in Passau Germany and immigrated to the US in 1949 with Heavrin, a US Army soldier and Anita (then 1 ½ years). During Heavrin’s long military career (rising to Master Sergeant), Marie lived in Las Cruces NM, Hammond, IN, Delaware, Chicago, IL and both Gessin and Stuttgart Germany, before settling in Louisville. From bus tours across the US and visits to family in Germany, Marie enjoyed hiking, exploring, and cooking for and with her family.

Through the years, Marie inspired her sisters Gertrude (Hans) and Rosemary (Horst) to move to the US and nurtured many nieces, nephews and siblings of her grand-daughters in law. In 2021, Marie was recognized as a “Gold Standard of Optimal Aging” by Trager Institute for donating over five thousand hats, knitted in honor of her daughter Carolyn.

Friends are invited to attend visitation Feb 10 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm at Owen

Funeral Home and funeral mass on Feb 11 at 11:00 am at St. Pauls' Catholic Church on Dixie Highway.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Marie Vessels to Hospice or Mass on air.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Catholic Church
6901 Dixie Highway
Louisville , KY 40216

Tribute Wall



“ Anna sent a virtual gift in memory of Marie T. Vessels



Anna - February 11, 2023 at 10:27 AM



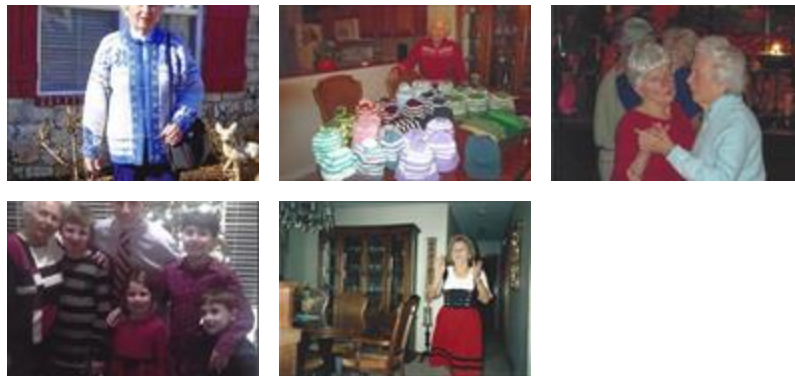
“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie T. Vessels.



February 09, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Marie



jason britz - February 09, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marie T. Vessels.*



February 09, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *Ms. Vessells came to one of our AM'66 luncheons and told of life in Germany and her wedding in Germany. She was a great joy to listen to and we also were the luck recipients of a knitted cap in our Clover colors of green & white. Prayers for the family.*

Madonna Trulock - February 09, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie T. Vessels.*



February 09, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ *A life well lived -- may she rest in peace and be remembered for her "gold standard" of care given to her family over her 96 years.*



Tim & Monica Pack - February 08, 2023 at 08:07 PM

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“ *Carol lit a candle in memory of Marie T. Vessels*



Carol - February 08, 2023 at 07:10 PM