



Mary Burch Poynter

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A longtime Louisville, KY resident, Mary Burch (Beam) Poynter passed away on August 25, 2025 surrounded by family at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana. She was 90 years old and absolutely loved life, having just celebrated her birthday with many family members. Mary Burch was born in New Haven, KY on August 1, 1935, to the late George Burch and Agnita Whalen Beam and grew up in Jeffersonville, IN. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gayle David Poynter, and two sisters, Arleen Kay Orem and Joan Beam Becht.

Mary Burch, a retired associate of American Greetings Corp. and co-owner of Poynter's Liquors, was an avid Bunco and card player. She also loved attending local church picnics, gardening, crocheting, celebrating every holiday, and was the biggest fan of Gayle's Louisville Senior Softball teams. Mary Burch & Gayle embraced their empty nest years, traveling across North America—from British Columbia to Key West—in their 1986 Volkswagen Westfalia.

A member of St. Matthias Catholic Church and St. Boniface Catholic Church, Mary Burch was highly social and devoted to serving others, making and keeping so many friends throughout her life. She is survived by one daughter Jennifer (Scott) Neff of Lamar, IN; two sons, Stephen Poynter of Ferdinand, IN, and Michael (Lisa) Poynter of Mount Juliet, TN; two brothers, James Pat Beam of Warner Robins, GA and Robb (Rick Logsdon) Beam of Louisville, KY; two brothers-in-law, Dale Orem of Jeffersonville, IN and John Becht of Louisville, KY; five granddaughters, one great granddaughter and twelve nieces and nephews.

In her final selfless act, Mary Burch donated her body to the University of Cincinnati Dept. of Education for medical research. A Memorial Mass and Life Celebration will be held at a later date.

Condolences may can be made to the family at www.BoultinghouseFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary and Gayle were good friends, many years ago Mary planned a wonderful trip to Alaska, for three of us couples. It turned out great and left all of us with lasting memories.*

Frank and Helen Arnold

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