



Ethel Mae Brinkman

February 7, 1941 - April 14, 2013

Ethel Mae Brinkman age 72 of Sweetwater passed away on Sunday April 14, 2013. She was a very active member of the Madisonville Church of God. Former owner and operator of Bell & James Insurance Agency in Joliet, ILL. Preceded in death by parents: Clarence & Fannie Harper, brother: Gene Harper, sister: Margaret Douglas. Survived by husband of 21 years, Wayne Brinkman. Son: Brad James of Joliet, ILL. Step-children: Chanda Fredricksen of Bettendorf, IA. , Mikala Brinkman of Galesburg, ILL., Justin Brinkman of US Army. 3 Step-grandchildren. Sisters and brother in laws: Annie & James Blackman of Paducah, KY. Mary Hall of Paducah, KY. Genny & Ron Carrier of Lebanon, OH. Brother and sister- in law: Gilbert & Janet Harper of Bardwell, KY. Several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Thursday April 18, 2013 from 5 to 7 PM at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, with the funeral service to follow at 7:00P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Chris Reneau officiating. Interment 2:00P.M. Sunday, April 21, 2013 in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Wickliffe, KY. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater , in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I've just heard of Ethel's passing. I am so sorry to hear of this news. I loved her dearly and cannot believe she is gone. I dated her son Brad when we were attending the University of Illinois. I loved her so much and always dreamed that I would have a mother-in-law like her some day. She and I spoke often on Facebook and she followed my son during his football recruiting on his way to college. I often told her how I considered her my MIL even though Brad and I have not seen each other in many, many years. Unfortunately I did not get a kind mother in law so it was comforting to know she wanted to know about my kids and family. I loved hearing about her grandkids, she loved them so much.

She was such a special lady. I loved her determination and how she didn't let anyone push her around but always had the right touch to deal with the situation. I loved it when she took me to her church in Joliet. I was raised Methodist so it was very different but I enjoyed seeing her closer relationship with the Lord.

I had always hoped my family would be near enough on a vacation sometime to see her again. I love her so much, please know my thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Donna McGuire Pepper

Donna McGuire Pepper - Saline, MI - Friend - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Ethel was beautiful inside and out. She will be so missed by all who knew her

Vera Hyatt.

Vera Hyatt - Athens, TN - friend - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Wayne and family,

So sorry for your loss. Wish I could be there in person to express my sympathies.

Kate Stankee - Fulton, IL - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Family,

I shall miss my good friend Ethel. She was a joy to know and a delight to be with.

I grieve with you.

Ann Morgan

Ann Morgan - Milford, MI - Friend - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Just want you all to know that I am thinking of you at this sad time, My thoughts & prayers are with you all Love your cousin Martha Hammonds Sams

Martha J. Sams - Arlington, KY - Cousin - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am so very sorry to hear Ethel has left her earthly home. I know she's at home with The Lord and all her family and loved ones, that have gone on before. May God comfort you all as only He can.
Love, Ruby

Ruby Hammonds Dorris - KY - Cousin - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Heaven has gained a strong angel.*

Gilea Artis - Paducah, KY - Niece - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Ethel will be missed by many. She helped me thru the loss of my sons and encouraged me to put my troubles in Gods hands. Heaven has gained a beautiful lady. My tears are falling but I know God has her safe in heaven.*

Ginger Frick - benton, KY - Niece - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Wayne, So sorry to hear of Ethel's passing. You have my sympathy.*

Dean Schocker - New Liberty, IA - cousin/classmate - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Wayne and Family.
We are so sorry to hear of Ethel's sudden death. Wish we lived closer so we could give you our hugs and prayers in person. We shall be thinking of you in the days ahead. We will stay in touch. Prayers to you and family. Love from Cousin Arlene and husband Paul Kaczinski*

Arlene Kaczinski - North Liberty, IA - cousin to Wayne Brinkman - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM