



## Esther Jane Whittaker

July 20, 1929 - October 3, 2022

Jane Whittaker, age 93 of Purcell, passed away Monday, October 3, 2022, at Lexington Nursing Home. Esther Jane Voigt was born July 20, 1929 in Mishawaka, Indiana, the middle of five daughters born to Fred E. Augusta Voigt and Esther Vera (Lechlitner) Voigt. She was raised in Mishawaka and attended school there, graduating with the Cavemen Class of 1947. Jane married young, to Richard Whittaker and to this union, 3 children were born. She was the proud mother of son Lyle and daughters, Carla and Paula. Jane worked for Dwyer Instruments for many years, shipping and receiving high pressure gauges. Jane loved the outdoors, and enjoyed just observing nature. She loved all animals and was especially fond of cats. But her love for horses would bring her to Purcell. Jane cherished her family and especially her grandchildren. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Fred and Esther Voigt, and three sisters, Mary Voigt, Barbara Eggert and Beverly Blackford.

Jane is survived by: her son Lyle Whittaker and wife Cheryl of Dimondale, MI; daughters Mary "Carla" Minne and husband Stephen of Ft. Wayne, IN and Paula Gentry and husband Mark of Avon, IN; sister, Doris "Kay" Harrison of Oxnard, CA; 7 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

The family plans to have a private Celebration of Life in the spring. You may send online condolences @ [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ We send our sincere condolences to Jane's entire family. This is a beautifully written obituary that captures her essence! We always looked forward to seeing her at family functions. She was always pleasant & had interesting stories to share. She was blessed to have such longevity, but we will miss her!  
Rest in Peace, Jane.  
Love, Dennis & Cheryl



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**Cheryl Bernard** - October 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM