



Thelma Marie Belcher

January 1, 1939 - June 2, 2025

Thelma Marie (Best) Belcher, 86, of Eminence, passed peacefully from this life on Monday, June 2, 2025, while in the comfort of her home. She was born on New Years Day, 1939 in Cecilia, Ky, to the late Elvy Augustus and Lottie Forrest (Young) Best.

Growing up in the rural life of Kentucky, Thelma attended Howe Valley school. At the tender age of 5, tragedy struck the Best family when their home caught fire and her mother, and two siblings sadly perished. Making the northern trek to Indiana, she was introduced to the love of her life, a young handsome Sailor named Frank Belcher. The pair were happily united in marriage on October 28, 1957, and spent 65 years together until his passing in 2022. Moving around in the beginning, Thelma and Frank built their forever home in 1967 just west of Wilbur, and they remained there for the rest of their lives.

A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Martinsville, Thelma was employed as a cashier at Kroger in Plainfield, ran the books for Frank's business, worked at the '76 Truck Stop, and the Canary Motel. Overall, taking care of her family was her true passion and she only worked when she needed a change of scenery.

The family of 7 took vacations to Virginia Beach and enjoyed traveling out west to see the majestic sights of Yellowstone National Park and the Grand

Canyon. A loving and devoted mother, Thelma, was known to be strict and wasn't afraid to go old school disciplinarian when the kids needed it. She instilled respect in them, and taught them the joys of cooking, a talent she learned from her mother-in-law. She loved planting and tending to her flowers, as well as planting a vegetable garden every year, canning the fruits of her labor.

Stepping into roles she didn't have to, she raised her granddaughter, Allison, as well as taking anyone and everyone in that was in need. She and Frank enjoyed the company of others, and their house was usually full of people and love. Stubborn in the best way, she was self-titled "the best Belcher", and she let you know when you crossed the line. Her most recent pleasure was riding along with her daughter and best friend Lisa, while Door Dashing. Protective, fiery, straight forward, giving, quick witted, and caring, Thelma was truly a good soul, and she will be forever missed.

Along with her parents, Thelma was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Frank Belcher; son, Bruce Belcher, and sibling, Charles, James, And Lester Best, Margaret Dailey, and Pauline & Cathleen Best.

She leaves behind her children, Andy Belcher (Sandy) of Eminence, Lisa Barnett (David) of Eminence, Keith Belcher (Barb) of Camby, and Stephen Belcher of Eminence; granddaughter, Allison Belcher (Colte Tomlinson) of Wannamaker; along with 21 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren, and 23 nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Friends and family are invited to gather from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia, with a Celebration of Life Funeral Service beginning promptly at 2:00pm. Pastor Keenan Steinway will officiate, and Thelma will be laid to rest

alongside her beloved husband, Frank, in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made by mail to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959, or online by clicking <http://www.stjude.org/>, and envelopes will be available during services. To share a favorite story, sign the online guest registry or light a candle in her memory, please visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

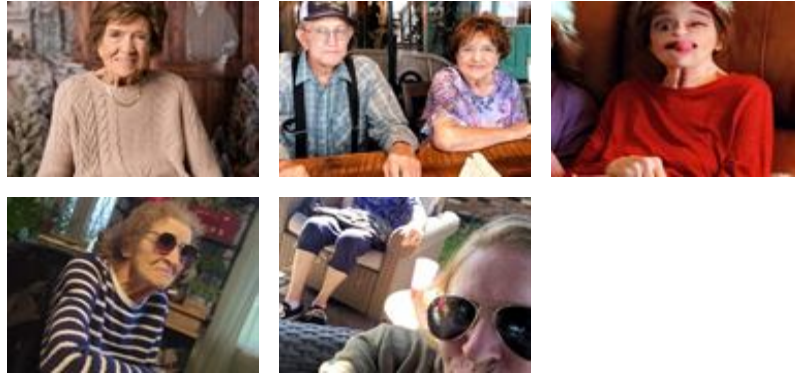
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Tribute Wall



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - June 10, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ Aunt Thelma was the best Aunt ever she was always there for me with a open heart and mind to love me and care for me as I was growing up she was a wonderful caring mother and friend to everyone she ever met. I will never forget all the love she shared with us all. I will never forget her and all the things she taught me I love you always and will never forget her

Kim Best - June 06, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Kim Best and Randy Pease purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thelma Marie Belcher.



Kim Best and Randy Pease - June 06, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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“ she was my grate grandma we have so many grate memories together i loved stay with her over night she will forever be missed in all of our hearts but ik she will always be there watching over us no matter what untill we meet you again mamaw.

ciara taylor - June 06, 2025 at 02:42 AM



“ I've lost a wonderful sweet Aunt this week, my dad's sister, she's gotten her angel wings and was greeted by, I'm sure, first was her son, my cousin Bruce, he was my age and passed with cancer way too young. We all know that devastation. She always looked for that day to come ...

She and I shared the love of gardening and growing beautiful Daylilies and Iris. When I started out with my craziness, she shared quite a few with me. I'll always think of her when I'm in my gardens and she'll be right there with me. I have so many fond childhood memories with her and my mom, picking blackberries for jam , canning, making sassafras tea from her trees out in her woods. Those two were busy all summer doing something. We had great times fishing in their lakes and picnicking lakeside, even piling as many as we could in her station wagon and going to the drive in movies at Maplecroft. Even the past couple of years she joined me for some country music with EWB and sang every word to those old country licks. She loved her country music. Everything an aunt should be, she was... And I'll never forget her and I'll love her forever.

I know her children are devastated, it's a tremendous loss to lose your momma. Please keep them and all her grandkids etc and everyone that loved her in your thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort as they manage through these next few weeks and months. Aunt Thelma Belcher, I am so grateful for you in my life and I'll see you when I get there. Hug my grandson and momma for me cause I know they're right there with you at heavens gates. XOXO

Kay Myers - June 05, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ She was a mother to me, and I will hold her in my heart forever! The last 15 yrs we really got close, her and I would do alot of garage selling together and Goodwilling also she left no book unturned or purse behind she would say everyone is going to be mad for me bringing purses and books home but we didn't care we had fun and she loved to get those things that made her smile! I will love you forever! Thank you for being my Mom! 😊😊💔💔💔💔💔💔

Sandy Haney Belcher - June 05, 2025 at 12:03 PM

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“ From Robert & Irene Myers purchased the Simpl y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thelma Marie Belcher.



From Robert & Irene Myers - June 04, 2025 at 11:13 PM

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“ She was a very dear friend more like a second mother to me. I loved her as if she was my mom. My husband and myself will miss her dearly .



Irene Myers & Robert Myers - June 04, 2025 at 11:01 PM

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“ As a neighbor Thelma was always there with her smile & ready to talk about great time.
Her morning breakfast was the best & will always be memories but great memories.
So glad our families both spent time together in this life now looking forward to meeting again in Heaven.
Thanks to all the siblings on sharing your mother with so many. ❤️
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Bill Gruener - June 04, 2025 at 04:43 PM

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Aunt Thelma was one of my favorite aunts and my role model ❤️ She always inspired me to do my best. I love her and will miss her very much and know she will brighten up heaven with her presence 💕 She was loved here on earth by many people and now she will be with loved ones that are now in heaven 💕💕 SEE YOU LATER 💕

Patricia Greer - June 04, 2025 at 09:43 PM