



## Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, August 1, 1929

**Died:** Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Dorothy Ann Govaert, 82 of South Bend, Indiana passed away Tuesday May 8th in Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born in Chicago, Illinois to Clifford Rudolph and Augusta Esther (Strom) Kraus on August 1st 1929. The Family moved to South Bend in 1936 and she graduated in 1947 from Riley High School.

In 1948 Dorothy married Urban Govaert. They were married for 56 years. He passed away in 2005. They were the parents of three children: Debra (Gary) Klockow of Granger, Indiana, Craig (Tina) Govaert of Cincinnati, Ohio and Michael (Rose) Govaert of New Carlisle, Indiana. They were blessed with seven grandchildren Angelica Govaert of Las Vegas, Nevada; Amanda Govaert of Mishawaka, Indiana; Michael (Katie)Klockow of Cincinnati, Ohio; Kimberly Klockow of Norman, Oklahoma; Colleen Klockow of West Lafayette, Indiana; and Ryan and Kyle Govaert of New Carlisle, Indiana. She was wonderful mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed. She is survived by two very special nieces Gail (Gary)Moon and Karen (Eric) Brochhausen and her brother in law Jack Coquillard. She also had wonderful friends Lorraine (Jerry) Lekarczyk and Alice Florida (Ves)Hayes. They enriched her life with their continued love, support and friendship. Dorothy had many life long friends who preceded her in death. Her sister Shirley (Jack)Coquillard was a wonderful and devoted sister. Any obituary of Dorothy would be incomplete without mentioning Mary (Joseph) Farkas who was like a sister to her and aunt to her children. Dorothy retired from Indiana Bell in 1990 where she worked as a keyboard operator. During her time there she received the Indiana Lifesaver's Award. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and Club 53 (Busha Card Club). She enjoyed shopping trips, trips to "the Boat", arts and crafts. She was an amazing letter written She loved travels with her husband, Ben. Dorothy was a wonderful story teller and was loved and called Grandma by all the neighbor kids. She had a cookie and popsicle for everyone and her house was a haven for all animals. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2012, in the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home, 17033 Cleveland Road. Burial will follow at the Riverview Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family for two hours prior to to services in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to Huane Society of St. Joseph County, 2506 Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545; or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. E-mail condolences may be made to [www.welsheimers.com](http://www.welsheimers.com)

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## Service Summary

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### Funeral Service

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### Visitation

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Tue May 15, 2012

### Cleveland Rd. Location

17033 Cleveland Road  
South Bend, IN 46635

Charitable donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to the following organizations:

**Humane Society**

2506 Grape Rd., Mishawaka, IN 46545

**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**

<http://www.stjude.org>

501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

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