



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, March 21, 1926

**Died:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019

It is with great sadness and sorrow we announce the death of our beloved Mother, Jean McArthur Coffey, on May 29, 2019 She was born March 21 1926 to Emily Orris (Jordan) and Alan McArthur in Chicago Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Richard Elwin Coffey. Also preceding her in death, Daughter, Jean Coffey Fairbanks, Brother, James McArthur, and grandchildren, Ryan Thomas, and Anna Rose Coffey.

She graduated from the Loring School for Girls in 1943 and Depauw University in 1947.

She obtained her pilots license when she was a mere 16 flying her first solo flight 1942.

She leaves behind a Daughter, Emily Ann Coffey Bell (Jon) Sons, Richard Alan (Deborah) and Thomas O'Neal (Suzanne). Nine grandchildren, Rac Coffey (Mandy), Meg Coffey, Zachary A Bell (Lindsey), Adam M Bell, Emily Main ( Alex), Spencer Coffey, Dylan Coffey, Libby Coffey, Chandler Fairbanks, and five great grandchildren Evelyn Jean and Connor Main, Aiden and Sloane Coffey, and A.J. Williams She also leaves behind her dearly loved nieces and nephews.

She was one of the rare ones, so effortlessly herself, and the world loved her for it.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 10th at Riverview Cemetery. Welsheimer Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Family and friends may leave email condolences at [www.welsheimer.com](http://www.welsheimer.com).

## Service Summary

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### Graveside Service

1:00 PM Mon Jun 10, 2019

### Riverview Cemetery

2300 Portage Avenue  
South Bend, IN 46616