



## Martha M. (Biesterfeld) Herz

June 24, 1918 - March 18, 2014

On March 18, 2014, Jesus our Good Shepherd gently led Martha Marie Herz, 95, into her Heavenly Home to live with Him in eternal joy. Martha was born June 24, 1918 to William and Eliza Biesterfeld near Grant Park, Illinois. She was baptized and confirmed into the Christian faith at Zion Lutheran Church (Soli itt congregation). On September 27, 1941, she married Emil Herz. They lived in the Grant Park and Beecher area their entire lives and were active members of Zion Lutheran Church in Beecher. Following her husband's death in 1969, Martha continued to raise three of their six children who were still at home. She loved our large family gatherings and found great joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Square dancing was a special passion of hers, and she spent many happy hours with friends in the Bachelor & Bachelorettes and WNOTS square dance clubs. Her 80th birthday party in 1998 was one big square dance party for family and friends. Martha is survived by her six children: Robert (Marilyn) Herz of Rapid City, SO, Aileen (Art) Blum of Beecher, Sharon (Tom) Toppe of Seymour, IN, Pauline (Jim) Lehenbauer of Indianapolis, IN, Vicky Rehberg (John Rodriguez), Schererville, IN, and Kevin (Janet) Herz of Lovilia, IA, as well as her 20 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sister-in-laws Janice Biesterfeld of Peotone and Esther Biesterfeld of Grant Park. Her husband Emil, two children, infant David and 3 year-old Marilyn, granddaughters Dawn Lehenbauer and Emily Herz, and son-in-law Roger Rehberg preceded her in death, as did her parents and two brothers, Elmer and Harry Biesterfeld.

Visitation will be on March 21, 2014 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Hack Funeral Home, 753 Hodges Street, Beecher, Illinois Services for Martha will be conducted at Zion Lutheran Church, 540 Oak Park Avenue, Beecher, Illinois at 10:30 a.m. on March 22, 2014. Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church, Beecher or donor's choice. "I am the Good Shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know me-just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-and I lay down My life for the sheep" John 10:14-15.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hack Funeral Home Ltd. created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha M. (Biesterfeld) Herz*



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**Hack Funeral Home Ltd.** - January 28, 2020 at 10:17 AM

KD

“ *My sincere sympathy to all of you. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kim Ohlendorf Donohue** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM

AB

“ *We wish to express our sympathies to the whole family of Aunt Martha. God Bless her and all of you.*

*Jim & Ann Bahm  
Norfolk, Ne*

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**Ann Bahm** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM

RL

“ *May God's Peace be with you and comfort you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Rev. Dr. Mark and Lisa Larson** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM

JA

“ To the Biesterfeld/Herz Family: I am sorry to hear about the passing of Martha. It is never easy to deal with the death of a loved one no matter what the circumstances are. May the God of Comfort give you strength as you grieve Martha's death as we know that God wants us to be happy and does not cause any of the trials that we face (2 Corinthians 1:3; James 1:13). It is times like this that make us look forward to the time when death and the pain associated with it will be no more (Revelation 21:4).

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**James** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM

NH

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We remember your mother as a smiling, kind person. Our sympathy at your loss.

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**Neil & Ruth(Bernhard) Herzog** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM

BC

“ Dear Sharon, Tom and your families,  
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time for comfort and strength. Your friends here in Seymour and Brownstown are thinking of all of you.  
Love, Betty and Mel

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**Betty Chastain** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family

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**Jack Gitersonke Family** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM

RJ

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

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**RaeAnn Hartke James** - October 02, 2019 at 06:58 PM