



Avis Marie McDaniel

June 10, 1938 - January 17, 2024

Avis. Marie McDaniel, 85, of Bloomington passed away on Wednesday January 17, 2024 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born on June 10, 1938 at home in Pama, Illinois the daughter of Bennie Ogle and Mabel Helen (Davis) Gibbs. Avis was a graduate of Alto Pass High School. And a graduate Missouri Baptist Nursing School. She married the love of her life Robert Edward "Bob" McDaniel on September 7, 1958 in Anna, Illinois they were happily married 65 years.

Avis professional life started at Missouri Baptist Hospital becoming a registered nurse. After the move to Indiana, Avis worked at various hospitals and the IU Health Center at Indiana University. Much of her career was then spent as a nurse for Dr. Schechter a pediatrician. She truly enjoyed her time there, and working with families and children.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Leesburg, Fl. Where she volunteered as a nurse in the clinic the church ran. Avis was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and "gigi", she loved her family and loved spending time with them. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, playing cards, golf, and riding roller coasters with her grandkids. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Avis is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert E. "Bob" McDaniel of Bloomington; three daughters, Beverly (Mell) Smigielski of Mexico Beach, FL; Beth (Rick) Krouse of Ellettsville; Barbie (Pat) Strange of Ellettsville; seven grandchildren, Melanie (Pat) Helton; Brandon (Kayla) Smigielski; Michael (Hailey) Smigielski; Ryan (Trista) Blann; Jesse Blann; Ben Krouse and Katy Strange; five great grandchildren, Rylie; Brynlie, Tyler (Preston); Jordynn and Kinsley; a niece Kellie Gibbs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Mabel Gibbs; one brother, Ben Gibbs Jr; two nephews, Benjie Gibbs and Keith Gibbs.

The family would like to also express their sincere appreciation for the loving care of Avis by the staff at Bell Trace, Southern Care Hospice and Visiting Angels.

A memorial service to be held at a later date. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her honor or to the Bob and Avis Education Endowment via: <https://members.pdkintl.org/donate-now> directed to: So. Illinois Unive Chapter Endowed Scholarship.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

AP

“ Alexis Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Avis McDaniel



Alexis Pruitt - January 25, 2024 at 12:25 PM

RS

“ Becky and Jennifer and I were very saddened to hear about Avis. We loved her like a Mom when we were Kids. So many Fun memories of Traveling to Hayward Wisconsin, and Card night with Mom and Dad at your house. So many fond memories of such a Beautiful Lady Inside and Out. Prayers for your Family

Ruthie Kunkle Smith - January 24, 2024 at 08:52 AM

BS

“ Billie Spellman lit a candle in memory of Avis McDaniel



Billie Spellman - January 23, 2024 at 11:55 AM

JC

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Avis. Our dear neighbor across the street in Pennbrooke Fairways will always be remembered for happy memories on the golf course and off. Avis was a dear sweet lady.

JOHN COADY - February 08, 2024 at 06:40 PM