



## Luanna Tellas Newkirk

January 4, 1933 - October 17, 2024

Luanna Tellas Newkirk, 91, a life-long Rush County resident, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Flatrock River Lodge.

Luanna was born on January 4, 1933, in Fayette County, IN to Edward and Florence Tellas, both deceased. Luanna married Marlin Newkirk on September 5, 1956, at the Raleigh Christian Church and he is deceased.

Luanna lived most of her life in Rush County. She was a Raleigh High School graduate in the Class of 1951 and a 1955 Indiana University graduate where she graduated with a degree in Dietetics with an internship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She worked a year at the Riley County Hospital in Manhattan, Kansas while Marlin served in the United States Army. She also worked at Purdue University food service for three years while Marlin obtained his bachelor's degree in Agronomy and Ag Education.

Luanna and Marlin farmed throughout their married life – side by side, working together to build up the family farm that is now in its eighth generation. She was active in the Raleigh Christian Church for 85+ years, helped with 4-H and Extension, Washington Township Homemakers and Rush County Farm Bureau. Luanna was an avid reader and loved to play the piano, but not for an audience. She was an avid card sender and sent cards all her life for birthdays and anniversaries to her family and friends to encourage and uplift them.

Luanna leaves behind two sons, James Newkirk (and his wife, Cindy), Marrison Newkirk (and his wife, Debra), daughter, Teresa Newkirk, sister-in-law, Benita

Dill and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Luanna was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Florence Tellas, her brother Russell Tellas, husband Marlin and one grandson, Benjamin Newkirk.

Services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Raleigh Christian Church, with Fred Hickman and Fred Girdwood presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 4PM-7PM at Raleigh Christian Church on Friday evening. Burial will be held in Fairview Cemetery, Rush Co., IN. Memorials contributions may be made to Rush County Food Pantry and Raleigh Christian Church. Moster Mortuary is entrusted to the arrangements of Luanna.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Raleigh Christian Church  
4019 E 900 N  
Rushville, IN 46173-9336  
(765) 645-5176

## Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Raleigh Christian Church  
4019 E 900 N  
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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ To Luanna's family,  
So saddened to hear of the passing of your Mom. I knew Luanna since we were Dietetic Interns in Ann Arbor in 1955. Through all these years we kept in touch even as late as this summer. I always loved to receive her many lovely cards, words of encouragement & updates of her family. She was a truly lovely friend & will be missed. Sincere condolences to the family.  
Rest in Peace Luanna 🙏  
Lorraine (Lorrie) Fulton  
Victoria, BC , Canada

Lorraine M. Fulton - October 22, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Luanna Tellas Newkirk.



October 19, 2024 at 05:41 PM

DR

“ Don Rolfe lit a candle in memory of Luanna Tellas Newkirk



Don Rolfe - October 19, 2024 at 01:55 PM

SD

“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss.*

Steve Dyer - October 18, 2024 at 05:33 PM

DN

*Luanna was a great and wonderful and caring person. She always sent me a birthday card and Christmas card and her knowledge of me loving dogs she always sent a card with a dog on them.*

Dean Newkirk - October 20, 2024 at 09:36 AM

RE

“ *Rick Edwards lit a candle in memory of Luanna Tellas Newkirk*



Rick Edwards - October 18, 2024 at 04:35 PM

WM

“ *Wayne And Penny Marlatt lit a candle in memory of Luanna Tellas Newkirk*



Wayne and Penny Marlatt - October 18, 2024 at 03:47 PM

AH

“ *Alicia Hill lit a candle in memory of Luanna Tellas Newkirk*



Alicia Hill - October 18, 2024 at 12:50 PM

DA

“ *Our deepest prayers and condolences to the Newkirk family.* ”



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**Deborah Adams** - October 18, 2024 at 11:33 AM