



## Anna Belle McCartney

October 30, 1923 - December 21, 2021

Anna Belle (Eckelbarger) McCartney 98 of Bluffton passed away Tuesday afternoon December 21, 2021, at Markle Health and Rehabilitation Center. Anna Belle was born October 30, 1923 in Huntington County to Lawrence and Mary Maude (Carter) Eckelbarger.

She was a 1941 graduate of East Union High School and continued her education at Marion College majoring in Music and Psychology. She retired from General Electric. Anna Belle was a member of the Gideons (Auxilliary), Red Hat Society, Mothers' Day Out at the First United Methodist Church. She was always active in her church and loved to sing and play music. She enjoyed different types of games, reading and making people feel welcome. She loved people and was an ambassador for Christ.

On August 15, 1952, in Bluffton Anna Belle married Forrest Jay McCartney. They shared 57 years of marriage before his passing in 2009.

Anna Belle is survived by her children William (Joye) Gardenour of Bluffton, Jonathan McCartney of Fort Wayne, Randall (Beverly) McCartney of Bluffton, Ken (Karla) McCartney of Bluffton, Lane McCartney of Bluffton, along with 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Marilyn Wilson of Markle, Nancy Adams of Beaverton, MI and Joyce Green of Markle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Forrest Jay McCartney, two sons Danny Gardenour and Richard Gardenour, along with two brothers David Eckelbarger and William Eckelbarger and a sister Barbara Davison.

A service to celebrate Anna Belle's life will be at 10 A.M. Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at the Sonlight Wesleyan Church 2350 S. St. Rd 1 Bluffton, IN with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow in Six Mile Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 P.M. – 8 P.M. Monday, December 27, 2021 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for an hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Gideons or the Sonlight Wesleyan Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral in Bluffton. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomari ch.com](http://www.thomari ch.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Calling Hour

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Sonlight Wesleyan Church  
2350 S State Road 1  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

DEC 28. 10:00 PM (ET)

Sonlight Wesleyan Church  
2350 S State Road 1  
Bluffton, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anna Belle McCartney*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - December 27, 2021 at 03:38 PM



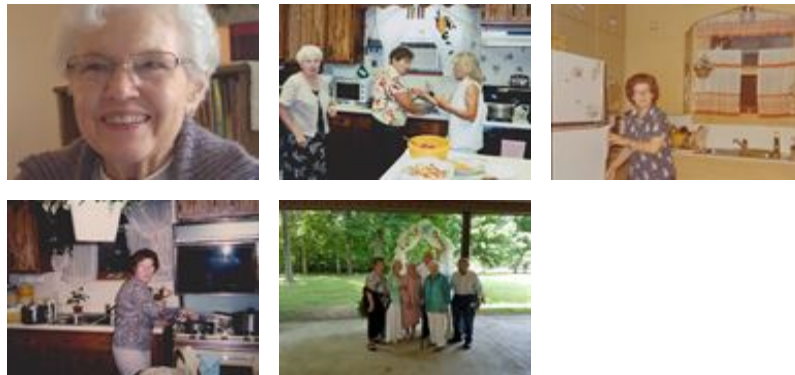
“ *Anna Belle McCartney*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *112 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - December 27, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anna Belle McCartney.*



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December 27, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Anna Belle McCartney.*



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December 26, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *I owe you far more than I could ever repay. You always welcomed me and made me feel so loved and cared for. While it is heartbreaking that you have gone home I know you are happy and we will see you again soon. Always in my heart!*

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**Avis Hiller** - December 26, 2021 at 12:21 AM



“ *Bill, condolences for your mom's passing. Hope she gets to see Rick.  
Tom*

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**Thomas Durr** - December 25, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Debra Streater purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anna Belle McCartney.*



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**Debra Streater** - December 24, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *Great Aunt Annabelle and younger brother sweet William. I love you .... forever in my heart. Treasured memories*



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**Leah Hunter** - December 23, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anna Belle McCartney.*



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December 23, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *THE FISCHER FAMILY purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Anna Belle McCartney.*



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**THE FISCHER FAMILY** - December 23, 2021 at 03:25 PM

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“*Darlene (Quinones) Bergdoll lit a candle in memory of Anna Belle McCartney*



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**Darlene (Quinones) Bergdoll** - December 22, 2021 at 08:02 PM

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“*“Mrs McCartney” was a neighbor to us for many years. I will always remember her warm smile and friendly hello, many times she would ask me how I was...she cared about everyone no matter the circumstances. Her smile will always be remembered by me. To the family I am truly saddened for your loss.*

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**Darlene (Quinones) Bergdoll** - December 22, 2021 at 08:01 PM