



## Bessie M. Nicholson

December 8, 1918 - February 18, 2010

Bessie M. Nicholson, 91, of Bluffton died at 7:45 a.m., Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Bessie was a 38 year employee of General Electric Company of Fort Wayne. Prior to going to work at General Electric, She owned and operated her own beauty shop and in her early years, Bessie worked at the Glove Factory and the Dime Store. She was the oldest living member of Epworth United Methodist Church of Bluffton.

She also belongs to the G.E. Elex Club, Honorettes, Quarter Century Club, and the United Methodist Women.

She graduated from Petroleum High School in 1937. Bessie very much enjoyed spending time with her family, friends, and her church family. She also enjoyed bowling.

She was born December 8, 1918 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to William Allen and Catherine Luella (Adams) Harford. Her first marriage was to Chester C. Penrod. She later married Paul K. Nicholson. Both of her husbands are deceased.

Survivors are a daughter Barbara Irwin (husband: Joe) of Bluffton, two sons, Clyde Penrod (wife: Lydia) of Hitchcoth, Texas and Ralph Penrod (wife: Ramona) of Springfield, Ohio. She leaves behind a loving, large number of Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, and Great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her one and only brother, Earl Harford.

Calling hours are 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. Funeral service is 1 P.M. on Saturday at Epworth United Methodist Church with Pastor Dick Frederick officiating. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to Epworth United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Visitation

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

South Whitley Cemetery  
393 Collamer Rd  
South Whitley, IN

## Service

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

South Whitley Cemetery  
393 Collamer Rd  
South Whitley, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie M. Nicholson*

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“ *to all of bessie's family... i loved bessie, and i love you guys, also. she is not hurting anymore. she is with her Father who she has served for a very long time. i am so glad i knew her. love you all. rose##imported-begin##rose colvin##imported-end##*

February 22, 2010 at 08:11 PM



“ *Clyde, I was sorry to read about your Mother's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sheryl Kneuss##imported-end##*

February 19, 2010 at 08:44 PM



“ *To Bessie's children, I remember your mother and family very well as I lived on West Wabash Street and went to school with you "kids". Please know that you have my sympathy in the loss of your dear Mother.##imported-begin##Suzanne McFarren Markley##imported-end##*

February 19, 2010 at 05:27 PM



“ *Bessie a good and long life. She was great and faithful Church goer. She will be greatly missed, but She is with her GOD. We will all miss her.##imported-begin##Herschell L. Penrod##imported-end##*

February 19, 2010 at 11:56 AM



“ *Barbara, Clyde and Ralph: I was so sorry to hear about Aunt Bessie's passing. You are in my thoughts and my prayers. God Bless you all and your families.##imported-begin##Linda Nicholson Russ##imported-end##*

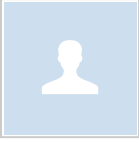
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“ Sorry, rest in piece.##imported-begin##Patrick Eiting##imported-end##

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“ To The Family,  
Aunt Bessie will always be loved and respected by me. Remembering all the good times she and Mom had. Bessie could always bring up very good memories....##imported-begin##Loretta (Rains) Twigg##imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 09:22 AM