



Beverly A Merchant

October 31, 1931 - December 20, 2018

Beverly A. Merchant, 87, of Markle, passed away on Thursday morning, December 20, 2018, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton. Bev was born on October 31, 1931 in Denver, Colorado to Deane & Lena (Rutenberg) McClenny. She was the salutatorian of her graduating class at Union High School in Wells County in 1949. Bev worked at Lincoln Life Company, American Hoist, Ellison Bakery and as a bookkeeper for Rutenberg-Surge for many years. She was a 30+ member of Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton and volunteered at Markle Health Care.

On December 29, 1950 at the EUB Church in Zanesville, Beverly and Ronald P. Merchant were married.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Ron of Bluffton and their two children; David P. (Marquita) Merchant of Markle and Sharon A. (David) Scheiber of Churubusco, Indiana. She was a loving Grandma to five grandchildren; Benjamin (Amber) Merchant, Sarah (Paul) Ziegler, Randy (Konny) Merchant, Justin (Priscila) Scheiber and Theresa (Justin) Brown, along with 9 great-grandchildren; Avery, Atticus and Atlas Merchant, Chloe Ziegler, Paige & Mason Merchant and Eden, Naomi and Corah Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday (Dec. 23rd) at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton with Pastor Gary Aupperle officiating. Burial will follow at Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville. Memorials may be made in Bev's memory to Samaritan's Purse, through the funeral home.

Calling hours will be held from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Saturday at the

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Sunday at the church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Hoverstock Cemetery

11698 N 300 W
Zanesville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

DEC **23**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Hope Missionary Church
429 E. Dustman Rd.
Bluffton, IN

Service

DEC **23**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Beverly A Merchant*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 22, 2018 at 12:29 PM



Dear "Uncle" Ron, David, Sharon and all. Our most heartfelt condolences to you and your loved ones. I have many fond memories of "Aunt" Bev and her kind and gentle ways. She was always welcoming and genuinely happy to see us, though our visits were intermittent and brief over the many years of my parents long and enduring friendship with Bev and Ron. May God bless and comfort you, especially in this most holy season of Christmas. I envy the Christmas celebration Aunt Bev can be part of! With love and prayers, the Doug & Julia Watson family, East Hartland, CT.

Doug Watson - December 23, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ *Beverly A Merchant*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

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“ Uncle Ronnie, David, Sharon & the Entire Merchant Family,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to write this message.

I was so sad to hear of Aunt Bev's passing last month. I have many fond memories of our summertime visits to Indiana, and your family's trips to Connecticut (and Cape Cod). Those were happy times filled with joy and laughter. Our parents share a powerful bond that was forged during a special time in their lives, and that bond has endured unaffected by time and distance. It has been an example of true friendship that I have always admired, and it serves as an example to us all.

Aunt Bev was one of the kindest, gentlest, and most humble persons I have ever known, and I know God has welcomed her home as one of his favored children. I and my family offer our deepest condolences on your loss. May God bless you all and bring you peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead.

With much love,

Matt, Melissa & Rachel

Melissa Watson - January 31, 2019 at 06:33 PM

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“ Aunt Bev was a treasure and had such a huge heart. I fondly remember visiting and sharing Thanksgiving. Your family was so wonderful to adopt a stragglng Watson! Love, Heather (Secora) Harmon

Heather Harmon - January 02, 2019 at 02:40 AM

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“ Hi David and Sharon and families,
I have such fond memories of Aunt Bev.
All the fun vacations at your childhood home.
Your mom was always smiling and never seemed frazzled with all
the craziness happening around her. She seemed to bring a sense
of calmness to my mother.
Our parents seemed to have such a fondness for each other and
were always there for each other through all the good and sad
times. We should be so lucky to have such loving and caring
friends.
We are so sad to hear of Aunt Bev's passing. We pray for all of you
this holiday season for strength and peacefulness knowing she is in
God's loving arms.
Love to you all, Karen coxo

karen hill - December 24, 2018 at 09:36 AM



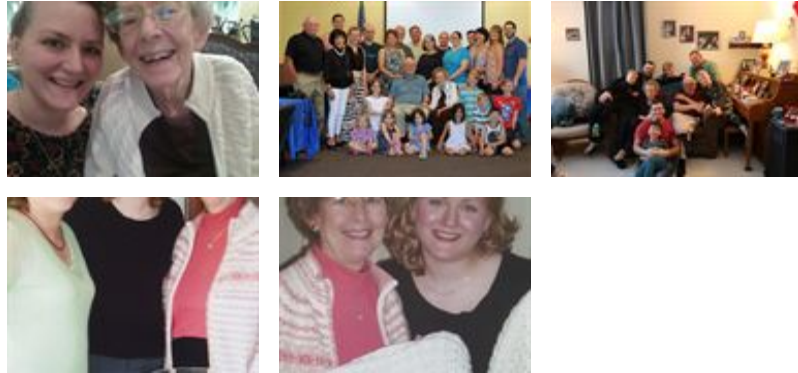
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Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - December 22, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 22, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Beverly A Merchant.



December 21, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *Your friends and co-workers. Gas City FE* purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Beverly A Merchant.



Your friends and co-workers. Gas City FE - December 21, 2018 at 06:36 PM



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 21, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Beverly A Merchant*.



December 21, 2018 at 10:07 AM