



Blanch B. Willette

July 2, 1939 - March 9, 2020

Blanch B. Willette, 80, of Bluffton passed away on Monday morning, March 9, 2020, at Ossian Health & Rehab Center in Ossian.

She was born on July 2, 1939 in Bluffton, Indiana to George & Annabell (Leach) Betz. Blanch was a homemaker and managed senior living apartments and shopping centers for Melvin Simon.

Blanch and Bruce R. Willette were married on January 31, 1959 in Tennessee. He retired from serving in the military and they moved and travel together through his entire career. Bruce preceded her in death in 2014.

She is survived by a son, Chris (Vickie) Bryan of Niles, MI. along with siblings; Homer Betz of Frankton, Joseph Betz of Decatur, James "Jim" (Treva) Betz of rural Poneto, Robert (Anni) Betz of Indianapolis, Esther Clements of Indianapolis, Laura Zent of Huntington, Wilma Ohern of Harford City, Carolyn Johnson of Bluffton, Linda (John) Stinson of Bluffton. Blanch is also survived by 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Blanch is preceded in death by a son, Brett Edward Willette and siblings; Mary Ann Betz, Helen Gentis, Frederick "Pete" Betz and Edward Betz.

Funeral services will be held at 3 P.M. on Thursday (March 12, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Wayne Guillon officiating. Entombment will follow at the Northridge Community Mausoleum at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Ossian Health & Rehab Center Activities Fund.

Calling Hours will be held from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. on Thursday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Northridge Community Mausoleum located in Fairview Cemetery

3101 East St. Rd. 124
Bluffton, In

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Blanch B. Willette*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM

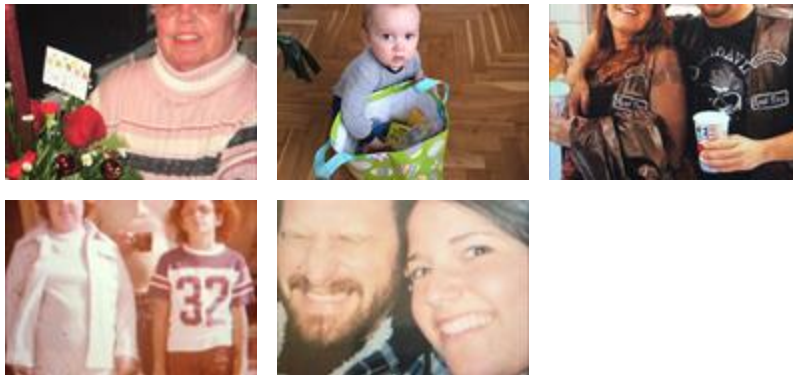


“ *Blanch B. Willette*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *20 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jody - March 12, 2020 at 07:24 AM

NW

“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Nicole Willette - March 12, 2020 at 02:53 AM

NW

“ Dear grandma.

It's really tough to write this last letter.

You have always been there for us (Steffan and I) although we have been in Denmark for many years now. We always enjoyed coming to your place when we were in the States.

You are the one person that never forgot a christmas, birthday or easter card - we were so spoiled as kids getting candy and all kind of nice american stuff. Once we got older you were always interested in how we were doing, and you always thought the world of us.

I'm happy that two of my boys and my husband got to meet you and we have some nice memories in pictures.

The last couple of years were different and more difficult since we couldn't communicate over the phone. I know you were in good hands and I'm very thankful for the work that especially Jim spend on you.

I will always love and miss you grandma <3 I'll look up and you will be the shining star together with dad.

Hugs and 1000s of kisses your granddaughter Nicole.

Nicole Willette - March 11, 2020 at 03:43 PM

TW

“ Aunt Blanch made me smile and laugh when I always visit her. I will always remember the times when I visited her in Nebraska when I was very young, in Warsaw and Bluffton. She will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss you Aunt Blanch. Tell Grandma, Brett and my Dad I said hello. Until we see each other again. I Love You!

Tracey Clements Wiley - March 11, 2020 at 12:35 PM

LT

“ Love Esther, Debbie, Tonya and Tracey purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Blanch B. Willette.



Love Esther, Debbie, Tonya and Tracey - March 11, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 11, 2020 at 12:07 PM

NW

Thanks for all the pictures. Nice when we as grandkids are in Denmark - a lot of pictures that I have never seen. <3

Nicole Willette - March 11, 2020 at 03:30 PM

FB

“ From Colleen, Ernest, Sherie, Kristen Betz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Blanch B. Willette.



From Colleen, Ernest, Sherie, Kristen Betz - March 10, 2020 at 06:41 PM

TB

“ *May God put her in a special place where she will be watching us, the people who loved and cherished her! Love Tonya*

Tonya A Burroughs - March 10, 2020 at 05:41 PM

SW

“ *Dear Grandmother. Thank you so much for it all. You have been a true help and blessing to all of our lives. Even though an ocean seperated us for most parts. You always made sure that us grandchildren knew we had a home. You truly loved everyone. And you cared about playing your part. And understood the importance of doing so. Not just for yourself but for everyone else. Although you didn't hear quite well at the end of your long journey and your last chapter. Words can't express my gratitude being able to have our last talk over the phone this past Christmas. Your voice i'll never forget. And although you thought it was Jim for most part due to your hearing troubles. I knew you knew it was me. You need to know that I never stopped worrying. And that my love is unconditional. Love you and will always keep you safe. Until then, Steffan*

Steffan Willette - March 10, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JW

“ *Jody, Søren & Nicole Pedersen, Steffan Willette purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Blanch B. Willette.*



Jody, Søren & Nicole Pedersen, Steffan Willette - March 10, 2020 at 08:05 AM

BC

“ Sorry to here about Blanch she was a sweet Lady inside and out! It was always interesting mowing her yard for her! Loved her to death fun loving and always had something to say about everything! Lol! My Condolences to the Family of Blanch! God Bless! 🙏 Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - March 09, 2020 at 11:07 PM