



## Bonnie Lou Worden

August 8, 1931 - March 25, 2025

Bonnie Lou Worden, 93, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Christian Care Retirement Community. She was born in Bluffton on August 8, 1931, to Homer and Lucille (Gehrett) Huss.

Bonnie attended Lancaster School, where she graduated in 1949. On January 27, 1951, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert “Bob” Worden.

They were married 66 years before his passing in 2017.

As a teenager, Bonnie worked at Zoll’s Log Cabin Station and RSM Studio in Bluffton. Her expertise was as a homemaker with her gardening, canning, cooking, sewing and child rearing skills. As well, Bonnie was the bookkeeper for her husband’s business, Worden Construction, for 27 years and a Title I Reading instructor at Lancaster Elementary School from 1983-1996. Bonnie was a member of Bluffton First United Methodist Church.

Bob and Bonnie were blessed with five children: Michael Worden of Brownsburg, IN.; Gary (Terri) Worden of Brownsburg, IN.; Doug (Jill) Worden of Mooresville, IN.; Kathy (Mike) Nahrwold of Coldwater, MI. and Neal (fiancé Michelle) Worden of Fort Wayne. They have 10 grandchildren: Nick Worden, Kay Yoder, Brandi Picek, Marci Yoder, Brian Nahrwold, Sara Fowler, Adam Nahrwold, Rachel Worden, Hannah Worden and Sophia Worden, along with 17 great-grandchildren.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister Colleen (Alfred) Pearson, brother Vaughn Huss and a daughter-in-law, Ronda Worden. Services will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 11 A.M. at the Bluffton

First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ed Fisher presiding. Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 P.M. and 6 to 8 P.M. on Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Bluffton First United Methodist Church or Christian Care Retirement Community.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

## Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Lou Worden*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 30, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Lou Worden.

March 31, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! Bonnie was such a sweet soul and always very welcoming. I remember she made a wonderful grape pie 😊  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers!  
Love, Karen Isch*

Karen Isch - March 30, 2025 at 11:44 PM



“ *Michael & Michelle Gomez purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.*



Michael & Michelle Gomez - March 29, 2025 at 04:31 PM

PB

“ My deepest condolences to all the family. I was a nurse in Assisted Living that cared for Bonnie from 2017 to 2019. She was a sweet, very quiet lady. I loved her very much. Her and Wanda Steffen were two of my favorites. RIP Bonnie.

Phyllis Brotherton's - March 29, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.



March 28, 2025 at 07:52 PM

DL

“ Diana Roy and Gary Linthicum purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.



Diana Roy and Gary Linthicum - March 27, 2025 at 07:21 PM

CM

“ Chip, Kim, Addie, Sadie and Augie Mann purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.



Chip, Kim, Addie, Sadie and Augie Mann - March 27, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.*



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March 27, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *The Pearson Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.*



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**The Pearson Family** - March 27, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.*



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March 27, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Lou Worden.*

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March 27, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.



March 27, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Lou Worden.

March 27, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ Everyone at Xplor Commercial Real Estate purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.



**Everyone at Xplor Commercial Real Estate** - March 27, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Everyone at Xplor Commercial Real Estate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Lou Worden.

**Everyone at Xplor Commercial Real Estate** - March 27, 2025 at 10:47 AM



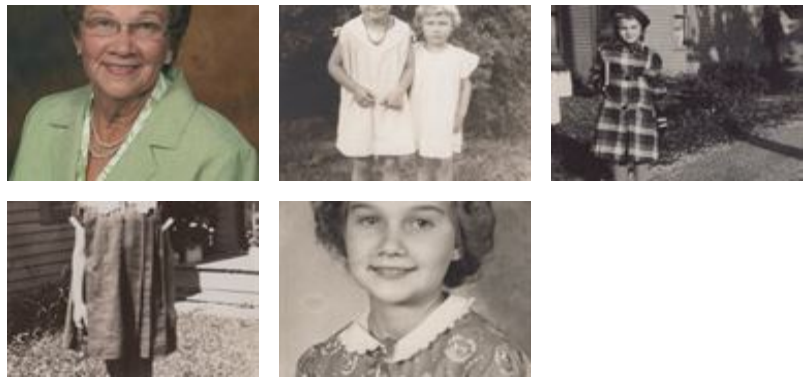
“ Gary, Terri, Nick and Kay  
Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days and weeks ahead as you grieve the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. Though we know you will be reunited one day and she is healed. Bonnie was a beautiful woman inside and out. Always enjoyed seeing her at Lancaster Chapel when she would come for a special event to support her family. May God Bless you with beautiful memories to bring you peace, comfort and a smile now and then!  
Love,  
Wayne and Glennis Henly

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**Glennis Henly** - March 26, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home** - March 26, 2025 at 03:19 PM

DS

“Bonnie was a positive influencing presence in my life from my first day of life. In my baby book, my mom Naomi Yake Siela Shilling wrote that my first visitor in the hospital was Bonnie Worden. Bonnie would have been pregnant at the time with Mike, who was born 12 days after my birth. Mike and I, obviously, have known each other since birth and graduated from Norwell together. Gary and my sister Dee are the same age, while Kathy was the same age as our brother Denny. My mom graduated from Lancaster High School in 1949 with both Bonnie Huss and Bob Worden. I think that she was one of the last surviving members of that 1949 class. My mother left several photos from high school with Bonnie featured (see attached). We attended the same church in Craigville for many years. We maintained contact throughout our entire lives. I always loved her interest in me and my life. She also was a big presence in my husband, Scott Biberstine's life, as well. The Wordens lived about a mile down the road from the Biberstine house. He spent a lot of time at their house. She will be missed by many many people.



Debra Siela - March 26, 2025 at 09:42 AM

TW

We appreciate your review of the background of Bonnie with you and your family. Such sweet and supportive information of positive things of times gone by. Gary and Terri W

Terri Worden - April 01, 2025 at 09:08 AM

DS

“ Deanna Siela Blair and Debra Siela purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.



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**Deanna Siela Blair and Debra Siela** - March 26, 2025 at 09:13 AM

DS

“ Deanna Siela Blair and Debra Siela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Lou Worden.

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**Deanna Siela Blair and Debra Siela** - March 26, 2025 at 09:13 AM

SK

“ To the entire Worden Family. So sad to read about the passing of your Mother, Bonnie. I know she had a wonderful life and you will miss her dearly. But I know she'll never be gone as you surely have so many memories of her to fill your lifetime.

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**Steve Kunkel** - March 26, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Worden.



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March 25, 2025 at 06:25 PM

KB

“ So sorry to read about the passing of Bonnie. She was always a delight to talk to and I know she will be missed. My love and sympathy go out to her family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kristine Bushee** - March 25, 2025 at 04:29 PM