



Carol Jean Neff

June 17, 1930 - September 11, 2017

Carol Jean Neff, age 87, of Bluffton, passed away on Monday, September 11, 2017, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Carol Jean was born on June 17, 1930, in Bluffton, to Carroll and Virginia (Seabold) Costello. She was a 1948 graduate of Bluffton High School.

On February 2, 1952, Carol Jean married Harold E. Neff, in Bluffton. They shared 37 years of marriage before he preceded her death on December 18, 1989.

Carol Jean's employment career including working at Dr. William Gitlin's medical office, Joan's Clothing store in downtown Bluffton, worked as a local seamstress out of her home and the Bluffton (Central) Middle School. She was a lifelong member of the First Reformed Church (First United Church of Christ), in Bluffton along with being a member of Psi Iota Xi sorority. Carol Jean was an avid supporter of the Wells County Democratic Party. Her hobbies included reading, playing cards, and swimming.

Survivors include her children Cindy (Neff) Mullins, of Ossian, Victoria (Neff) Knowles of Indianapolis, and Mark (Donna) Neff, of Oswego, Illinois.

She enjoyed spending time with her five grandchildren Kain Knowles, of

Chicago, Tana (Knowles) King, of Rocky River, Ohio, Nathan Mullins, of Cincinnati Ohio, Samantha (Knowles) Mann, of Greenwood, Indiana, and Sarah Neff, of Oswego, Illinois, as well as her ten great grandchildren.

She is survived by her brother Jim Costello, of Loudon, Tennessee and a sister Nancy Hiester, of Bluffton.

She is also preceded in death by her brother Phil Costello.

Calling hours will be held on Friday from 2 - 9 pm at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for 1 hour prior to the service. A Service to Celebrate Carol Jean's life will be held at 11 am on Saturday (September 16, 2017) at the funeral home with Ted Ellis and Pastor John-Thomas Roseberry officiating.

Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery located in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Friends of the Wells County Public Library or Bluffton Regional Continuing Care Unit.

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

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Jean Neff*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Carol Jean was a great friend during my high school years. I have many fond memories and wish the family my best. You are all in my prayers!*

Doug Keller - September 22, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *My parents (Jack and Patty Riley) were great friends with Carol Jean and Neff--they remained close for a lot of years even though we moved south. The extended families were beneficiaries of this great friendship. My sister and I grew up in Bluffton in the sixties and spent a lot of time at the Neff's with Cindy, Vickie, and Mark and we had many a card games at both homes. Carol Jean always brought smiles to our faces--we will miss her and our thoughts are with the family.*

*Patty Riley
Kevin Riley
Tami Riley Hill*

Kevin Riley - September 17, 2017 at 02:32 PM

JP

“ Vicky, Cindy, Mark, Jim and Nancy

Truly my best friend since Kindergarten. I am so glad my son brought me to see her this summer when I was in Indiana. Something seemed strange about that last "Goodbye Hug"! I shall cherish that last hug and remember all the good times we had.

Janey Mallers Pautsch - September 14, 2017 at 11:25 PM

FC

“ *I'm sorry that I cannot get to the viewing or the funeral..I have so many great memories of Neff and Carol Jean..working with her was so much fun..she lived life and always had fun no matter what..I have missed seeing her these last few years..and so sorry to hear of her passing..thank you Mark for calling and letting me know..she was special and loved.*

Faye Cott - September 14, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ *I've grown up knowing Carol Jean as my Grandma Joan's best friend. I remember as a kid going swimming out at the pond together and visiting her red home on Wiley St. I've kept in touch throughout the years and always make it a point to visit when I am home from being in the Navy. My daughter, Charliee, and I stopped by in April to say hi. I always enjoy our chats about the military, Bluffton healthcare, new movies and books, recent trips, family, and swimming. Grandma Joan always said Carol Jean always liked to eat out at fancy places. And of course they argued throughout the years but they showed me what true friendship is. I miss her already and am thinking of you all this week. I will continue to keep my framed pictures of Grandma Joan and Carol Jean, I've looked at them a few times this week. Carla Graham*

Carla Graham - September 14, 2017 at 09:13 PM

PS

“ Saddened at the announcement of Carol Jean's passing. Many of us that were part of the BMS faculty during the 1980's will remember CJ as one of the librarians who always had a smile on her face and a helping hand ready to serve the many students that spent time in the library. We faculty members always appreciated her sense of humor, friendly disposition and interest in all of us. She loved attending basketball and football games, but also showed an interest in all sports. She was a great supporter of grandchildren, nieces and nephews who participated in many varsity sports.

Peter Schmeckeber

Peter Schmeckeber - September 14, 2017 at 07:08 PM

AJ

“ Arlyss J. purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Carol Jean Neff.



Arlyss J. - September 14, 2017 at 05:31 PM

GO

“ GINA OSICKEY purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Carol Jean Neff.



GINA OSICKEY - September 14, 2017 at 03:49 PM

LA

“ Love: Tammy, Alexis, Andrew, Arie, and Aidan. purchased the Angel Wind Chime - Silver for the family of Carol Jean Neff.



Love: Tammy, Alexis, Andrew, Arie, and Aidan. - September 14, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Neff.



September 14, 2017 at 08:37 AM

TC

“ The Wolfcale Kids, Connie,David,Sally,Katie purchased the Lavender Dreams for the family of Carol Jean Neff.



The Wolfcale Kids, Connie,David,Sally,Katie - September 13, 2017 at 06:04 PM



“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Neff.



September 13, 2017 at 05:22 PM

SK

“ I met Carol at the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. She and her friends would come to water walk. You could tell that they were all great friends. Their conversations would make me laugh because they enjoyed life & liked to being together These ladies were friendly & kind. I miss miss Carol. A precious life lived.

Sonny Koons

Sonny Koons - September 13, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Neff.



September 13, 2017 at 09:30 AM

MP

“ Dear Victoria,
Carol and I both send our thoughts and prayers. Amen
Mike Pettibone

Mike Pettibone - September 13, 2017 at 05:14 AM

DK

“ I grew up just around the corner from Harold and Carol Jean and have so many wonderful memories of her from when I was young. She was a great woman whom I always admired. My thoughts are with you all.

Diana (Cotton) Kauffman - September 12, 2017 at 10:45 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Neff.*



September 12, 2017 at 08:05 PM



“ *Carol Jean welcomed Vic's friends into her home with all the chaos that comes with adolescent parties. I was lucky to be one of Vic's friends. Carol Jean always had the best food that she fed us with love. Carol Jean and my late mother were great friends. Mom cherished Carol Jean, so from Mom and I, we thank you for many years of generous friendship and love. Rest In Peace, dear one. You will be greatly missed.*

Peggy Schamerloh - September 12, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ *Thinking of you all. God bless. Valerie Wilson Jackson BHS 1972*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - September 12, 2017 at 11:33 AM