



Mrs. Dorothea M. Flaningam-Muir

March 11, 1919 - October 25, 2012

Dorothea Flaningam Muir, 93, left this world and went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior at 9:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2012. As a devout Christian, she anticipated meeting her Heavenly Father with great joy. Dorothea was the daughter of Amos and Marianne Rupp Neuhauser and entered this world on March 11, 1919. She was united in marriage to John T. Flaningam, a business owner and former mayor of Bluffton, in 1941. They shared 44 years of marriage before his death. She is survived by her second husband, Alexander (Sandy) Muir who has enjoyed these last 22 golden years with her traveling, swimming, and riding their tandem bicycle. Other survivors include her son, Dr. John P. Flaningam of California, and her daughter Ann Flaningam Salscheider (Kurt) of Bluffton. Dorothea was the loving grandmother of four grandchildren. Dr. Michael Flaningam and Jill Flaningam Miller (Matthew) of California, Shannon Scott Wanner (Dr. Matthew) of Zionsville, IN, and Dr. Hilary Scott Buchanan (Dr. Deans) of Perth Scotland. She found great joy in her eight great grandchildren. Her 3 week old great granddaughter in Scotland now proudly carries her name. She was a kind and loving stepmother to three step children and to several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren in Virginia. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Dr. Maurice and Paul Neuhauser, and by her two sisters, Mildred Weilemann (Luzerne) and Lucille Venis (Harold) and by her beloved daughter-in-law, Christine Flaningam, of California who died in April of this year. As a child, Dorothea knew that she had a passion to be a teacher and fulfilled that

dream for 28 years as a 2nd grade teacher in the Bluffton Harrison MSD. She received her education at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky and at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta at IU, a member of the First United Methodist Church for over 75 years where she served in many roles as a Sunday School teacher, a Sunday School Superintendent of the children's ministries, a high school youth group leader, a Bible school director and teacher, president of The United Methodist Women's Society, and she was in charge of bereavement meals. A woman of indefatigable energy, she was president of the Indiana Northeast State Teachers' Association, a past president of Psi Iota Xi, a member of Bay View Reading Club, a member of Bluffton Kiwanis Club, a faithful member of a Wells County Bible Study, served Meals on Wheels, and volunteered over 2000 hours at Caylor-Nickel Clinic. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2012 at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home on 308 Washington Street, Bluffton, IN. Her life will be honored and celebrated at her funeral which will immediately follow the visitation on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Certified Funeral Celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton or to Family LifeCare in Berne, IN. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Dorothea M. Flaningam-Muir*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Mrs. Dorothea M. Flaningam-Muir*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Susanna McCord lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothea M. Flaningam-Muir*



Susanna McCord - November 04, 2012 at 12:40 AM

CF

“ *Mrs. Flaningam was my 2nd grade teacher at Poplar Grove School. I have fond memories of her as a teacher and the wonderful experiences and activities we enjoyed in her classroom. She had a special impact on me and was an influence in my becoming an elementary teacher. My condolences to the family.*



*Carol Reusser Foltz
Greenwood, Indiana*

Carol Reusser Foltz - November 01, 2012 at 02:01 PM

TB

“ *Pat and Ann, I am so sorry to hear of you Mom's passing. I always enjoyed visiting the house she shared with Uncle John. As Steve Hamilton has said, I will always remember the family reunions at that farm. We all had a great time! Wish we could all do it again. Our prayers are with you and your family.*



Tom and Dianne Brown, tomcbrown@gmail.com

Tom Brown - October 30, 2012 at 11:06 PM

SH

“ Cousins Pat and Ann. Our sincerest sympathies to you and your family. Aunt Dorothy always had a smile and great food when we visited. i will always remember the family reunions at the farm seeing all of you and the fun all of us had together. God bless you all.

Steve and Ann Hamilton

Steve hamilton - October 29, 2012 at 02:04 PM

BO

“ As one of my mother's dear, dear, sewing club friends, Dorothea seemed more like one of my many "aunts" than only Mom's friend. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Barbara (Fair) Oswald - October 29, 2012 at 09:08 AM

PB

“ Ann, we're sorry to hear about Dorothea and that we're unable to attend her service this afternoon.

Paul, Christina, Ellie, Bethany - October 28, 2012 at 10:40 AM

LS

“ Condolences to Ann and Pat. Your mom was a great mom!! She was a BHS classmate of my parents. Great memories of those teen parties in the Flanigam basement back in the '60's. Dorothea and John were always generous hosts - and while always present - didn't bug us when we were slow dancing to Elvis and Pat Boone!! Ann was a great high school friend - Pat a true mentor in track and football. I can't make it up there this week, but my thoughts are with you.

Larry Schlagenhauf - schlag@mibor.net

Larry Schlagenhauf - October 27, 2012 at 02:25 PM

RH

“ Aunt Dorothea was such a wonderful, giving, cheerful, and loving person. She made a positive difference in so many lives through her career as a teacher and her charitable work. She and my Uncle Sandy were a great match and they shared much happiness together. I am grateful to have known such an inspiring person! Thank you, Aunt Dorothea, for the way you chose to live your life!



Robert Hummel - October 27, 2012 at 11:25 AM

EB

“ Dorothea was my wonderful 2nd grade teacher at Poplar Grove 1962-63. When I became an elementary teacher I tried to live up to her standards as a teacher. Great memories!

Edward Baumgartner
Key West, Florida

Edward Louis Baumgartner - October 27, 2012 at 09:35 AM

NA

“ Mrs Flaningam was my sister, Carol's second grade teacher, and I know that she, too was influenced by her. She was a wonderful person and always had a great personality and smile Please accept my sincere condolences that you may find peace in knowing that she is with the Lord. What a legacy she was to a wonderful family; may you find comfort in the love and memories of her!



Love,
Nancy Reusser Halstead, Carlsbad, CA

Nancyreusserhalstead - October 26, 2012 at 03:49 PM



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Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 26, 2012 at 10:49 AM



“ Debbie Heckman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothea M. Flaningam-Muir



debbie heckman - October 26, 2012 at 09:37 AM



I had Dorothea as my 2nd grade teacher. And now I am a teacher in Pasadena, TX. She made you learn, but also cared about you. I remember how my mom made some hot dog relish and I took a jar to her. She called that night to see how to make it. I also remember how she wanted to hear how things were in Texas when I would go to Bluffton to visit family. And she would say how happy she was that a student of hers became a teacher. Dorothea was a reason I did strive to be a teacher. I have her family in my thoughts and prayers.

debbie heckman - October 26, 2012 at 09:43 AM



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Brent Gerber - October 27, 2012 at 12:51 PM



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SS

I remember Mr. Flaningam from Poplar Grove & her beautiful daughter Ann. What a special lady she was, so gracious & kind., an angel here on earth.

Susan Schafer - December 10, 2012 at 12:04 PM