



Dorothy F Hunt

November 5, 1922 - July 29, 2018

Dorothy F. Hunt, 95, of Bluffton, went home to be with her Lord on Sunday morning, July 29, 2018, at Ossian Health & Rehab Center.

She was born on November 5, 1922 in Riverside, IL. to Austin & Sadie (Lagerpusch) Watrous. A 1940 graduate of Bluffton High School, Dorothy worked for the United State Postal Service in Craigville for 26 years, retiring as Postmaster in 1989. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton where she served as an Elder and a member of the ODO Club for 70 years. In her earlier years, Dorothy worked as a photographer, did photo retouching and colorizing. She was a lifetime member of the Wells County Historical Society, active in the National Association of Postmasters and enjoyed doing genealogy in her free time.

On October 12, 1943, Dorothy and Harold Wayne Hunt were married and he preceded her in death on September 23, 1989. On June 14, 1991 in Bluffton, Dorothy married Kenneth Manning, and he preceded her in death on October 3, 2006.

Dorothy is survived by three children; Janet (Michael) Hawley of Fort Wayne, Virginia (Paul) Strader-Graf of Santa Clara, Utah, and Daniel (Christine) Hunt of Craigville and two step-daughters; Nancy (John) Kreger of Clayton, NC, Kay (Lake) Elrod of Charlotte, N.C. and a step-son, Douglas (Allison) Manning of Hickory Grove, SC.; 16 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Barbara Putman, a brother Austin "Buzzy" Watrous and 2 grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Dorothy's life will be held at 11 A.M. on Saturday (August 4, 2018) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with her grandson, Matt Strader officiating. Burial will follow at Prairie View Cemetery in rural Tocsin. Calling Hours will be held on 4 to 8 P.M. on Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Preferred memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, Wells County Foundation for Bluffton Revitalization or Prairie View Cemetery Association.

Dorothy's 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.thomarrich.com.

Cemetery Details

Prairie View Cemetery

7250 North 600 East
Tocsin, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy F Hunt*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 03, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *Dorothy F Hunt*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *On behalf of Dorothy's family, we would like to thank all of the people who have wished her well and asked about her progress through the last couple of years after she left her home. We would like to thank the staff at River Terrace and Ossian Health & Rehab for their loving care. We would like to thank Thoma Rich Lemler Funeral Home for their services during a difficult time and a special thanks to the Bluffton Presbyterian Church and especially to Jolyn Whicker for organizing the dinner following the funeral. We thank the Bluffton Police Department for leading our procession safely out of Bluffton on our way to the Prairie View Cemetery in Tocsin. We are blessed to live in a caring, close knit community. God's blessings to you all.*



Christine and Dan Hunt - August 07, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *I have thought of her often, since she moved away. Our neighborhood has missed her. She always tried to congratulate our kids on graduation, if she knew about it. My kids who carried her newspaper were always glad to see her on the porch and her willingness for conversation. Rest in peace, Miss Dorothy.*

Kim Higginbottom - August 07, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy F Hunt.



August 02, 2018 at 03:45 PM

RG

“ Dorothy has always been a leading member of the Christian Community. The mother of a friend and classmate, she always was concerned for our family and church. Dorothy will long be remembered, fondly. To the family, rest assured this Lady made life-long memories.

Ric & Bev Geist - August 02, 2018 at 03:34 PM

KH

“ I always thought Dorothy was so nice. When I was ever at Ossian Health care I would stop and visit with her and give her a hug. she will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Karen Harrold

Mom was a good friend of Dorothy's. Years ago when mom was in the hospital from back surgery Dorothy stopped by to ask if she could do anything for mom. Mom needed a dress for my brothers upcoming wedding and she asked Dorothy if she could shop for one in one of the dress shops in town. Dorothy couldn't find one like mom wanted so she said when mom got to feeling better and was able to stand that she would take her measurements and make one for her and she did! Mom always remembered that and when I saw Dorothy I told her that story and she remembered it. Mom is 100 now and living at Christian Care. Her name is Florence Kellogg.

Karen Harrold - August 02, 2018 at 02:02 PM

SF

“ Dear Janet, Virginia, Dan and Christine and Families,
How well I remember the Geists and the Hunts growing up together ~ in school and in church. Your mom was such a treasure! She was a real "mover and shaker" at church ~ always doing something useful. My daughter (41) still has, and cherishes, 4 juices that dear Sadie gave her when Tiff was a little girl. I'm sending prayers of comfort and peace to all of you. I'm leaving tomorrow to spend time with the grandkids in IA, so I sadly will not be able to attend Dorothy's service. Please know that I will be with you in spirit. With love, Sandy



Sandy Geist Funk - August 01, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ 173 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 01, 2018 at 02:57 PM

TJ

“ Another member of the greatest generation has moved on to reunite with the ones who have gone before. Your mother was an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Your mother's life will live on thru her children and grandchildren. She will not be disappointed.

Tim Johnson - July 31, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Dorothy F Hunt.



July 31, 2018 at 03:38 PM

BG

“ Dorothy was such a sweet person, always so friendly. I remember Dorothy and Wayne attending the Democrat breakfasts and other party functions many years ago. Such a neat couple! Heaven just gained a new Angel.
BJ and Marion Gray



BJ Gray - July 31, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy F Hunt.* ”



July 30, 2018 at 04:13 PM