



Edna Barnetta Geist

April 21, 1924 - September 26, 2008

Edna Barnetta Geist, 84, of Bluffton, died at 12 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Born in Lawrence, Long Island, N. Y., on May. 21, 1924 to Gerald V. and Grace Edna (Hiller) Cosby, she married John Kendig "Dick" Geist in Washington D.C. on Feb. 14, 1943; he preceded her in death on May 4, 1996. A graduate of Oceanside High School, Mrs. Geist was a Roxvette at the Earle Theater in Washington D.C. from 1941 to 1944. She was a member of Eastern Star, Psi Iota Xi, and the Mennonite Choral Society. She was a Past President of Church Women United of Wells County, Past Moderator of Presbytery of Whitewater Valley and the Synod of Lincoln Trails. She was also a leader and volunteer for Habitat For Humanity in Wells County.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Sandra (Rodney) Funk of Roanoke and Susan (Laurence) Smith of Elkhart; three sons, Lawrence Robert (Judi) Geist, Steven John Geist, and Richard George (Beverly) Geist all of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Geist was also preceded in death by one brother, Gerald V. Cosby. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton with Pastor Bob Madsen officiating. Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and from one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial is at Geist Church Cemetery, in Reisterstown, Md.

Preferred memorials are to the church and Habitat For Humanity

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edna Barnetta Geist*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Edna Barnetta Geist*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Our sympathy to the family of Edna Geist. We met she and her husband when we lived in Hershey, Pa. Their friends, Joe and Mary introduced them to us while they were visiting Hershey. She was a very outgoing lady and gave much to the Bluffton community. God bless you, her family.##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Haiflich##imported-end##*

October 01, 2008 at 05:23 PM



“ *We will miss you smiles, your stories and your laughter! Bill feels particularly lucky to have had the chance to sing with you during your visit in June. We will both treasure the memories of all the good times, family warmth and love.##imported-begin##Gina and Bill##imported-end##*

October 01, 2008 at 03:23 PM



“ Hi Sandy:

So sorry to hear about your mother. Linda & I have been out of town since last week and were unable to attend the funeral.

The Lord blesses us with family and we praise His Holy name.

Rich & Linda###imported-begin##Rich McConnell###imported-end##

October 01, 2008 at 10:04 AM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy, as we have been thinking and praying for your family.###imported-begin##Bellmont High School Lunch Ladies###imported-end##

September 30, 2008 at 09:06 AM



“ What a lovely tribute...
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.###imported-begin##Cyndi Weimer###imported-end##

September 29, 2008 at 10:02 PM



“ Sandy and family. I was very saddend to hear of grandmas passing, I have some fond memmories although short as they may be. You all have been on my mind for some time now and hope to see you soon. Edna is now in the almightys choir! Godspeed to all.###imported-begin##Patrick Manley###imported-end##

September 29, 2008 at 06:57 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to read of Edna's death. She has been a blessing to Whitewater Valley Presbytery for many years, and I know I'm not the only one to grieve her loss. She was on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry when I was an inquirer and candidate. She was always an affirming and encouraging member who was gentle on my flaws and encouraged my strengths. I'll never forget her! May you be comforted knowing that there are those of us who share your grief and know she is resting in Christ will be there with Him in the life to come! Carol##imported-begin##Rev. Carol Farr##imported-end##

September 29, 2008 at 02:51 PM



“ We will miss you very much, but at least you are now with Uncle Dick. How fortunate we were to had the visit in June to laugh,love and share memories.##imported-begin##Marita, Alice and David##imported-end##

September 29, 2008 at 11:32 AM



“ Sandy,
May you know that my thoughts and deepest heartfelt sympathy are with you!
Love,
Dot##imported-begin##Dot Blevins##imported-end##

September 28, 2008 at 11:57 PM



“ I had a waking dream today. You were there, in another place standing arm in arm with Grandpa, waving to me, blessing me. Thank you for saying good bye before you left us. I will miss you.
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Your Grandson###imported-begin###Robert Kendig Geist###imported-end##

September 28, 2008 at 11:10 PM



“ Dear Geist Family,
Your mother will be missed by many! Her courage was admired and her dedication to service a blessing to so many. The Presbyterian Church family is so much richer because of her life and love
Our prayers are with you
Duane and Fritz Nodine###imported-begin###Duane and Fritz Nodine###imported-end##

September 28, 2008 at 09:56 PM



“ Sandy : God has another beautiful Angel. Our prayers are with you in this time of loss . Roy and I both care ,if you need to talk give me a call sorry i can't be there in person but will be there in thought
Love Marcia###imported-begin###Marcia Barrett###imported-end##

September 28, 2008 at 09:45 PM



“ Rick and Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief.###imported-begin###Janice and Jeff Brosman###imported-end##

September 28, 2008 at 12:19 AM



“ I have so many good memories of Edna and Dick while I was your choir director of the First Presbyterian Church in the 1970's. They were always positive and supportive...Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you....

Sally Mittlestedt###imported-begin##Sally Mittlestedt###imported-end##

September 27, 2008 at 03:33 PM



“ Sandy and family,
My thoughts are with you at this sad time. May the good times and the good memories be with you.

With sincere sympathy,

Janet and Arch###imported-begin##Janet and Archer Farmer###imported-end##

September 27, 2008 at 02:19 PM