



Elberta "Bert" R. Huffman

December 19, 1932 - May 17, 2020

Elberta "Bert" Ruth Huffman, 87 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday evening, May 17, 2020 at Copper Trace Senior Living Center in Westfield, Indiana.

Bert was born on December 19, 1932 in Adams County to Wilmer and Annie (Yake) Warthman.

A 1950 graduate from Adams Central High School, Bert married David J. Huffman on April 7, 1951 in Bluffton, IN. They shared 55 years together before he preceded her in death on July 6, 2006.

Bert worked along her husband, Dave, at Huffman Welding until their retirement in 1995. Bert loved gardening alongside Dave, quilting and was known for her delicious cookies, pies and cakes. She was a member of Lancaster Chapel and an active volunteer at the Bargain Hut from 2006 - 2019. She will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many!

Survivors include her daughter, Camille (Paul) Richard of Indianapolis along with her grandchildren: Jasmin (Brandon) Taylor, Jodi (Todd) Sanders, Michael Huffman, Joshua Roebuck and step grandchildren Joshua (Nichole) Richard, Maryann Gaines and Stephanie (Stephen) Stratigakis, 7 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Bert also leaves behind her sister, Edna Everett of Decatur, IN, her dear friend Ed Bryan and his family, and her dog, Sparky.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Dave, a son, Joseph Huffman, and sisters; Velma Reed, Luella McEhren, Donnabelle Warthman and brothers; Harold, Loren, Paul, Donald and Dale Warthman.

Bert's family is very grateful for the loving and kind care Bert received at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana and Copper Trace Senior Living.

A Private Family Service to celebrate Bert's life will take place on Thursday, (May 21, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorial contributions can be made in Bert's memory to the Lancaster Chapel or Bargain Hut and can be sent to the funeral home.

Bert'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.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Elberta "Bert" R. Huffman*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *It is with much sadness that i learned of the passing of Bert. Bert was a wonderful, classy woman and was always a pleasure to be around! At one point in my life i knew Bert very well & had the pleasure of being around her on a regular basis. I was just thinking about her the other day and was wondering how she was.*

In the last twelve years Bert attended the viewings for my father and brother and also my mothers 90th birthday celebration which I appreciated very much. Bert and i took time to set and visit at great length, getting caught up. She wanted to meet my son whom she had never met. A truly quality and caring person!

I have nothing but great memories of Dave, Bert and family!

Gary Girvin

Gary Girvin - May 22, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JE

“ *Camille, and family,
Just a couple of weeks ago I sent a note to 'Bert' at her Bluffton address. I had lost touch with her present location, but wanted to share some thoughts with her.
Decades ago I was a frequent customer(or loafer) at their shop in Bluffton. I always enjoyed visiting with Bert and David. David built me a few special things including a personalized fireplace set and a hand trailer that is now, likely, 35 years old and that I continue to use.
They were wonderful people.
Thoughts and prayers.
Jeff Espich*

Jeff Espich - May 22, 2020 at 08:46 AM

DR

“ *We always enjoyed visiting Aunt Bert because she was always vivacious and cheerful. I remember especially staying overnight at the unique, amazing house she and Dave built and being given the grand tour of her garden. I also remember her generosity, taking my mother places she needed to go after Mom could no longer drive and lending us her car for a whole day when our car broke down on a bitterly cold day in Bluffton. She will be greatly missed by many!*

David Reed and Myra Emerson

David Reed - May 21, 2020 at 01:40 PM

NL

“ Ms Huffman was a treasured friend of my mother, Barb. I appreciate her friendliness and companionship to Mom. May the Lord cover you with his peace and comfort as you grieve this loss.

sincerely,
Nancy (Broman) Leonesio

Nancy C Leonesio - May 21, 2020 at 01:14 PM

SD

“ Cam, So sorry about your Mom. We will miss her very much. She taught me a lot about gardening over the years. She was a very special person. Will miss her. Sue & John Dickason

sue dickason - May 21, 2020 at 09:14 AM

VR

“ I would like to send my condolences to the family. I'm very sorry for your loss.
I always enjoyed talking with Bert at the Bargin Hut. She was always happy and carried a beautiful smile. She will be missed.

Sincerely, Vonnetta Royal ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Vonnetta Royal - May 21, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elberta "Bert" R. Huffman.



May 20, 2020 at 08:22 PM

LB

“ Cam, You know that Aunt Bert was so special to me. My visits with her will always be remembered with love. My memories of her when we were young are precious. Going to Grandma's house meant that I would get to spend time with her. I will miss our phone chats over the years after I moved away. I am going to miss her very much.

Lois Reed Bretzlaff

Lois G Bretzlaff - May 20, 2020 at 07:45 PM

NS

“ Dear Cam and all of Alberta's family, You probably don't know me, but I first met your mother when we were both little girls about 6 years old. Your Aunt LuEllen and my neighbor Margaret Poling were good friends. One summer day Margaret brought me to your grandparents house west of Kirkland School to play with your mother. I remember going upstairs and playing dolls. It was a fun time.

The next time I remember her was at Kirkland Bible School. We were in the 9 year old class. I don't remember being in contact again until we were Seniors at Kirkland and being the first graduation. Class of 1950 of Adams Central. She was a good student and well liked by everyone.

There were many years between times we saw each other, mostly at class reunions. I've always admired her accomplishments in gardening and her business savvy. When I received the news from a school friend of her illness. We were very sad of the news.

I hope this gives you a sense of comfort knowing your mother was loved by many her entire life. My memories with your mother will be cherished until we meet again.

My deepest condolences.

Neva Mallonee Sutton

Decatur, Indiana

Class of 1950

Neva Sutton - May 20, 2020 at 05:24 PM

CP

“ Dear Cam, I just read about your Mom's passing and wanted you to know that you have my sympathy. I am so very sorry and wish circumstances were different and I could be at her memorial service but please know that my thoughts are with you. I have great memories of visits to "duckville" and Bert's beautiful gardens, she was a joy to be around. I thought of both of your parents a few weeks ago when there were two mallards walking down my sidewalk- I bet they would have gotten a laugh out of the sight. Take care, even though we aren't in touch , I have not forgotten your friendship.
Carol Pugh

Carol Pugh - May 20, 2020 at 09:46 AM

GP

“ Always admired Bert's "country" home and all her flowers. She was a gem to work with at Bargain Hut. Always working hard, quiet, no hassle or drama, doing all she could for others. Kind, gentle, smiling, with love in her heart. A great lady and dear friend. Rest from your labors, Bert, you will be missed, but heaven gained another angel.

Glenna Plummer - May 20, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ Much love and condolences to my dearest friend Cam and her family in the loss of her sweet mother. Bert was a wonderful lady, and may she now be joined again in Heaven with Dave.

Sheila Jackson - May 19, 2020 at 07:11 PM

JS

“ *Cammy, I am so sorry to learn of Bert's passing. Good times are and will be remembered!*

Jill Sands Spencer - May 19, 2020 at 02:59 PM

VJ

“ *Cam and family, So sorry to hear of Bert's passing. Jaimi told me it's been a difficult several months. Elberta made me a beautiful red velvet dress for a ninth-grade dance and I've never been able to part with it. Cherish the memories. God bless. Valerie Wilson Jackson (You trained me when I started working for Lewis Ward in '71.)*

Valerie Jackson - May 19, 2020 at 01:03 PM

GH

“ *So sorry to hear of Bert's passing. Have precious memories of her at Lancaster Chapel UM Church back in the 80's and 90's. She was always so genuine and thoughtful. Plus fun and never seemed to age! May God Bless you with beautiful memories to bring you peace, comfort and a smile. Keeping you in our prayers. Wayne and Glennis Henly.*

Glennis Henly - May 19, 2020 at 11:35 AM

NM

“ *I worked with Bert at the Bargain Hut. She was such a kind, caring friend. Have missed her. My thoughts are with you.*

Nancy McFarren - May 19, 2020 at 11:10 AM

MS

“ Although I didn't know her well, it was always a pleasure to see Bert's smiling face when we were at the Bargain Hut at the same time. The place will not be the same without her. Praying for comfort for her family.

Margetta Stinson - May 18, 2020 at 10:02 PM

DG

“ So sorry to learn of Bert's passing. Always enjoyed talking with Dave and Bert at the welding shop years ago. Darlene enjoyed her friendship and cookies at the Bargain Hut. Bert will be missed but she is in a much better place visiting with Dave. The Huffman family will be in our prayers. Dana did Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - May 18, 2020 at 02:52 PM

BC

“ Sorry JoEllen

Barry Crosbie - May 18, 2020 at 11:49 AM

BC

“ Dear Cammy so very Sorry to hear about your Mom Bert! But I know Heaven will be a better place with her there! God Bless u and your Family at this time! Our Prayers are with u! 🙏 Love, Barry and JoEllen Crosbie! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - May 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM

SJ

“ *One of the most caring, helpful people I know. You couldn't ask for a better friend. Bert you will be greatly missed by all your friends, family and Sparky. Love you.*

Sara Johnson - May 18, 2020 at 08:32 AM

SS

So sorry to hear of her passing Our prayers are with you all during this time We love having Jodi for a daughter in law

Sandra Sanders - May 19, 2020 at 02:25 PM

 Lisa
Wagaman

She was a beautiful and amazing person. She will be missed.

Lisa Wagaman - May 19, 2020 at 04:23 PM

CW

Sending sympathy to Bertie's family. Knew her thru Phillip(sister) & Barbara. Very nice lady

Connie Williams - May 20, 2020 at 08:45 AM