

Eleanor J. Wood

January 5, 1935 - March 20, 2025

Eleanor J. Wood, 90, of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday morning, March 20, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on January 5, 1935, in Tiskilwa, Illinois, to James and Nettie (Giltner) Morris. After graduating from Liberty Center High School in 1952, she dedicated over 30 years to the Gallivan-Hamilton-Seese and Patterson law firm.

On April 19, 1953, Eleanor married her high school sweetheart, Robert H. "Woodie" Wood Jr., at Liberty Center Baptist Church before he was drafted into the Army. When Woodie was stationed in France, Eleanor joined him there, and together, they welcomed their first child. After his military service, the family returned to Wells County, where they built a life together. The couple celebrated 71 years of marriage before Woodie's passing on June 19, 2024.

Eleanor was deeply involved in her community, serving on the Board of Directors for the Wells County Foundation. She was a devoted member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for over 50 years, actively contributing to various committees. An avid traveler, she visited all 50 states, including a memorable six-week tour of Alaska. However, her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her three loving daughters: Lynnette (Steve) Rohring of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Cheryl (Tim) Hartigan of Bluffton, Indiana; and Carla (Kevin) Miller of New Albany, Ohio. She was a proud grandmother to eight

grandchildren: Matthew (Sara) Rohring, Kelly (Dan) Benigno, Kerri (Geoff) Hubble, Kelsey (Zack) Hosford, and Yale, Collin, Breckin, and Sterling Miller, as well as a great-grandmother to eight. Eleanor is also survived by her three sisters: Mary Morris of Bluffton, Betty McComber of Tiskilwa, Illinois, and Anna Mae Schertz of Galesburg, Illinois, along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Woodie" Wood; an infant son, Yale Robert; her parents, James and Nettie Morris; and three brothers, Arley, Frank, and Jim Morris.

Eleanor will be remembered for her kindness, unwavering faith, and deep love for her family.

Visitation will be held from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Friday, (APRIL 4, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, (APRIL 5, 2025) at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale, with Rev. Terry Epling officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

In lieu of flowers/mementos, the family has directed gifts be sent to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of 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

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

APR 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
5912 Sugar Street
Uniondale, IN 46791

Funeral Service

APR 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
5912 Sugar Street
Uniondale, IN 46791

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eleanor J. Wood*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 04, 2025 at 04:06 PM

MG

What a sweet lady. We rejoice with you as you celebrate a life well lived. Always warm and gracious.

Mark Gerber

Mark Gerber - April 12, 2025 at 06:02 AM

SF

“ *Dear Cheryl, Lynnette, and families,
I'm sending prayers of comfort and peace at
this difficult time. You were blessed with
wonderful parents!*
Sandy Geist Funk



Sandy Geist Funk - April 25, 2025 at 09:54 PM

JE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wood Family. Eleanor was a special lady and will be missed by many. Just saw her about 6 weeks ago and as usual very kind and looked attractive as always. May great memories carry you through this difficult time. Jeff and Sharon Espich

Jeff & Sharon Espich - April 05, 2025 at 09:11 AM

CF

“ California Wood families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Eleanor J. Wood.



California Wood families - April 04, 2025 at 11:42 AM

CF

“ California Wood families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eleanor J. Wood.

California Wood families - April 04, 2025 at 11:42 AM

BC

“ My dearest friend Eleanor since 1954, when we met in France. So many fond memories. Love, Barbara



Barbara Christie - April 03, 2025 at 07:57 PM



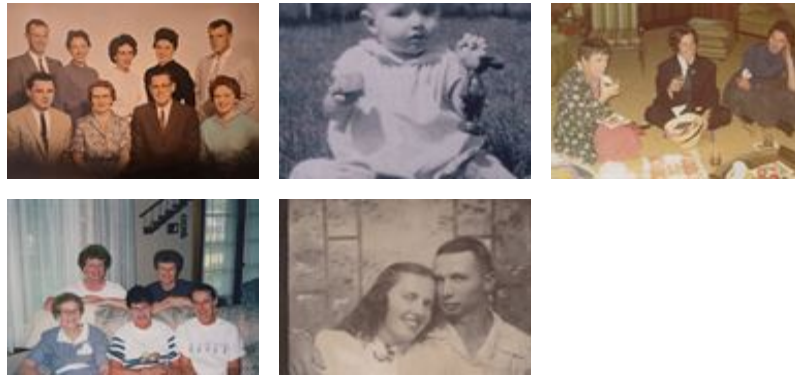
“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor J. Wood.*



April 02, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ *154 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 02, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ *Pam and Chad Carroll and Morris kids purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Eleanor J. Wood.*



Pam and Chad Carroll and Morris kids - March 31, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ I know that Eleanor was a wonderful mother to Cheryl, Lynnette, and Carla as they reflect her presence in everything they do. While I did not have the opportunity to spend a lot of time with them, Woody & Eleanor always had a way of making me feel a little special. You could tell they were made for one another and they certainly forged a strong family who is carrying on a great tradition. May God's peace be with all of the Wood family as they celebrate the life of Eleanor. Love y'all!



Jon & Vanessa Hartigan - March 27, 2025 at 11:53 PM

CH

“ Dear Lynette, Cheryl, Carla and families, A kind, sweet Christian woman who we were blessed to know!!! A fun memory for me is walking back to my seat after Holy Communion and looking over at your parents who were always looking back; smiling, winking and your mama always gave me a little wave! There have been countless hugs, lots of fun conversations that always were all about you girls and what you were up to!! The angels in heaven are most certainly singing!! God bless your family as you mourn the loss of your sweet mama! Hugs and much love!
Christine and Dan



Christine and Dan Hunt - March 25, 2025 at 01:21 PM

KH

“ Your Mom was a very special lady. My folks thought highly of your Mom and family and I do to. I have special memories if Carla staying with Mom. Such good times. My sincere sympathy to all of you. Karen Johnson Hunnicutt

Karen K Hunnicutt - March 23, 2025 at 01:06 PM

LM

“ Your mom was one of the kindest and sweetest ladies that I ever met. She always spoke and always had a smile on her face. Hugs to all of you and keeping you in my prayers. She was always so proud of her family.



Louise Miller - March 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DB

“ Eleanor was a such a thoughtful and sweet person. Our lives crossed paths several different times in our lives. I babysat the girls when when they were little and I was a teenager, she watched my son when my brother was in an accident and I had to spend time at the hospital with him and more recently when I attended club with my sister. She was one special lady.

Diane Bunch

Diane Bunch - March 21, 2025 at 11:12 AM

MG

“ I met your parents while working at BRMC several years back. I loved talking with them. Such a lovely couple and I admired their soft-spoken words. I ran into your Mother this past October and we were both glad to see each other. We stood for awhile and talked, even tho it was a little difficult for her to stand, she insisted we ‘catch up’. Sad to see she has passed, but now she can rest with your father in Jesus’ arms. Prayers for your family!

Margo Gerber - March 20, 2025 at 10:30 PM

BC

“ Dear Wood Family I am so very sad and sorry to hear about my good friend Eleanor what a very sweet beautiful and kind lady she was! May our Heavenly Father give u all Peace, Grace, and Comfort as u all Grieve her loss!



🙏🙏🙏 God gave your Mother a Sweet Soul inside and out! I will surely miss her up at the Bluffton Regional Hospital but she is at Peace now with Jesus and with the Love of her life Bob in Heaven now who she Adored! May God be with u all in the Days, Weeks, Months, and Years to come! God Bless the Wood Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️

Barry Crosbie - March 20, 2025 at 04:49 PM

KB

“ My thoughts and prayers go to Lynette, Cheryl and Carla. Eleanor was sure a very special lady and will be missed.

Kristine Bushee - March 20, 2025 at 01:06 PM