



## Eunice G. Athan

September 28, 1911 - March 31, 2008

Eunice G. Athan, 96, of Bluffton, died at 8:12 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Born in Illinois on Sept. 28, 1911 to Arthur C. and Effa B. (Smith) Hedges, she married Mark Athan in Wells County on Dec. 24, 1933; he preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1999.

She was a graduate of Bluffton High School. Eunice & Mark raised their family on a farm in Wells County. She worked as a cook for Bluffton-Harrison Schools for 20 years, retiring at the age of 65. She then immediately took a job cooking for Wells County Community Hospital for 22 years, retiring at the age of 87. She was a member of the Poneto United Methodist Church. She was a lifetime resident of Wells County.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Don R. (Linda) Athan of Bluffton and Rex A. (Karen) Athan of Irvine, Calif.; one daughter, Mary Ann (Ronald) Smith of Tecumshe, Mich.; one sister, Ruth M. Hedges of Bluffton. Seven grandchildren; Julie Newcomb, John Athan, Cary Smith, Tom Athan, Jason Smith, Mike Athan and Steve Athan, along with 12 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Athan was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary E. Erhart.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Poneto United Methodist Church with the Rev. Cindy Osgood of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton officiating. Calling hours will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Burial will be at Grove Cemetery in Wells County.

Preferred memorials are to the Poneto United Methodist Church or Bluffton First United Methodist Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

APR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Covington Memorial Gardens  
8408 Covington Road  
Fort Wayne, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Eunice G. Athan

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ My father loved visiting your mother and father when we lived in Wells County. He bought two Border Collies from your dad. Both dogs were wonderful pets and a great side-kick to dad.

We are very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She lived an amazing life to 96 years. That is a true survivor.

James E. and Juaniece Love's family:

Dian, Monnie, Melanie, Julie, & Cindy##imported-begin##Melanie Love##imported-end##

April 03, 2008 at 07:56 PM



“ Rex and Karen,

We are so sorry to read of your mothers death. We hope to get to see you tonight. With sincere sympathy, Marilyn##imported-begin##DICK and MARILYN ROWDON##imported-end##

April 03, 2008 at 02:21 PM



“ Dear Don,Linda,Rex,Karen, Julie, John and all of the family.  
We are sorry for your loss.  
What a long and productive life she most have lived and I know you  
feel very sure where your mother/grandmother is now for you each  
exhibit that promise in your lives.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Al and Janis Bohnstedt###imported-begin##Al and Janis  
Bohnstedt###imported-end##

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April 03, 2008 at 09:59 AM



“ I would like to express my sympathy to Eunices' family. I met Eunice  
while working at Christian Care and always admired her for always  
having a smile on her beautiful face and never complaining about  
anything. May God bless and comfort you in the days  
ahead.###imported-begin##Debbie Massey###imported-end##

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April 02, 2008 at 04:54 PM



“ WE want Eunice's family to know you have our sympathy in the  
passing of your mother. We met her through her friend, Louise  
Daniels.

*There comes a time for all of us that we must say goodbye, but faith  
and hope and love and trust can never, never die. Although the  
curtain falls at last, is that a time to grieve? The future's fairer than  
the past if only we believe and trust in God's eternal care, so when  
the Master calls. We still can say that life's more fair  
although the curtain falls.*

*God's blessings on your family.###imported-begin##Tom and Nancy  
Haiflich###imported-end##*

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April 01, 2008 at 03:06 PM