



Florence A Irey- Crum

December 14, 1918 - May 4, 2019

Florence Irey-Crum, 100, passed peacefully on May 4, 2019 surrounded by her family.

Florence Anna Furnas was born on December 14, 1918 in Nashville, Tennessee to Chase and Grace (Pinkham) Furnas. She graduated from Rockcreek High School, Wells County, in 1937. The following year she graduated from International Business College and was proud to have acquired her first job as the first office manager of the newly created Allen-Wells REMC at Ossian.

On November 10, 1940 Florence married Garth D. Irey at the Bluffton First Methodist Church. They began their life together in Bluffton and had 5 daughters. Her life changed dramatically as Garth was called to the ministry in 1954. She faithfully supported his ministry as a pastor's wife in the United Methodist Church and continued to lovingly care for her girls. When the girls were older, she worked several jobs utilizing her secretarial skills including 3M, Sheller-Globe, and Mutschler Kitchens. She was an active member of the Bluffton U. M. Church and Tri Kappa. She especially enjoyed her lifelong friendships from her sewing club and was an avid reader of books and newspapers until the end of her life. In 1995 Florence married Charles (Woody) Crum.

Florence is survived by her sister, Jane Wise, Danville, New York; daughters, Margaret (Stephen) Cullison, Warsaw, IN, Susan Reno, Julia Pittenger, Melinda (Robert) Franz, all of Muncie, IN; grandchildren, Charles (Janet) Cullison, James Cullison, Andrew (Debby) Pittenger, Kristen (Michael) Gray, Mark (Berkeley) Franz; great-grandchildren, Austin, Kathryn, Megan, and Madeline Cullison, Daniel and Kelleen Cullison, Payton and Keegan Cullison, Gwynneth and Drew Pittenger, Cohen, Irey, Braeden, Brandt, and Milo Gray.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husbands, Garth D. Irey, Charles W. Crum; daughter, Mary Elizabeth Irey; grandson, Christopher Cullison; siblings, Robert, Richard, Walter, and Wade Furnas, Ruthella Creek, Edythe Duncan; son-in-law, Bill Pittenger.

Funeral services will be held at the Bluffton First United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th with Rev. John Young officiating. Calling hours will be from 10-12 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at the Fairview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bluffton First United Methodist Church, 325 W. Washington St., Bluffton, IN or the American Bible Society @www.americanbible.org.

Funeral 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

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florence A Ireys- Crum*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Aunt Florence was always unfailing kind to me and always sent me a birthday card no matter where I lived. My birthday was just a day before hers and she never forgot.*

Nancy (Furnas) Griggs - May 06, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Nancy (Furnas) Griggs and Bob Griggs purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Florence A Ireys- Crum.*



Nancy (Furnas) Griggs and Bob Griggs - May 06, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ *From the Children of Richard and Margaret Furnas purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Florence A Ireys- Crum.*



From the Children of Richard and Margaret Furnas - May 06, 2019 at 12:08 PM