



Helen B. Kunkel

June 24, 1924 - March 22, 2009

Helen B. Kunkel, 84 of Bluffton died at 9:18 a.m. Sunday, March 22, 2009, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Born on June 24, 1924 to Edgar Lewis and Floe Ethel (Carnes) Lowry, Helen grew up near Keystone with her surviving sisters, Crystal Fishbaugh of Plymouth and Irene Dawson of Bluffton. She graduated from Chester Center School in 1942 and graduated from Ball Memorial Hospital School of Nursing during World War II. After the war she married Arden G. Kunkel (1923-1990). Among the hospitals where she worked were Lutheran, St. Joseph, Caylor-Nickel, Adams County and Wells Community. She worked for Dr. Willard, Family Practice, until she retired in 1979. She helped open the Panos Free Clinic and volunteered for several years.

Her children, Sharon (Lynn) Woods of Ossian, Sue (Mike) Harris of Bluffton, the twins; Linda (Kent) Stephens of Dublin, Ohio, Arden Lewis (Debbie) Kunkel, of Greenville, Tennessee, Bob (Linda) Kunkel of Kendallville, and Annie (Terry) Hoffmeier of Craigville, her 16 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 4 on the way will cherish her memory, her example of compassionate care for others and her love for learning about the world around her.

The children of Helen Kunkel would like to invite family, friends and

acquaintances to join in the celebration of her life on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton, Indiana. Calling hours are from 2 to 8 on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, and for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Tony Garton will officiate and join Helen's children in remembering her life.

In lieu of flowers the following are wonderful organizations providing much needed service for our community: the Panos Free Clinic, Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Christian Care Retirement Community. Friends may send online condolences to www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen B. Kunkel*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen B. Kunkel*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Saw your Mom's obituary in the Ossian Paper, that I still receive. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Love, Marilyn
Farmington, CT
(Wilma's daughter)##imported-begin##Marilyn Archbold
Lindquist##imported-end##*

March 29, 2009 at 11:32 AM



“ Mik & Sue,

With deepest sympathy you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I send hugs to all.

*Darlene Edleman##imported-begin##Darlene (Harris)
Edleman##imported-end##*

March 28, 2009 at 10:05 AM



“ Helen and my mother, Allene Pence, worked together at the Wells Community and were close for years and also neighbors. Knowing her since I was a child I was always blest by her presence in my life. I will always remember her humor, grace and laughter. The testamony of her life brought reality in being thankful in all things. Rejoice that even though abscent from our presence she is present with the Lord! I live in Austin, Texas but saw this on line.
John Pence##imported-begin##John Pence##imported-end##

March 27, 2009 at 02:03 PM



“ Lew

Tony and I were truly sorry to hear the news about your mother passing. We know how hard it is and that a mother is a very special person. You are in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Connie Bright##imported-end##

March 25, 2009 at 09:59 PM



“ So sorry about your mom and grandma. I'm not able to attend the visitation, but I hope you know how much your mom will be missed. She is a really neat lady - always soft spoken and kind. I will miss her smile! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Karen Isch, Activities Director - Christian Care###imported-begin##Karen Isch###imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 06:43 PM



“ We send our sympathy to Helen's family. We remember Helen when we worked with her at the Wells Community Hospital.###imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Haiflich###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 06:56 PM



“ Linda / Kent

Just wanted to say I'm sorry for your loss and that you and your family are in my prayers.

Tom###imported-begin##Tom Barkley###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 03:44 PM



“ Heartful thoughts and prayers for the families and Helen.###imported-begin##Steve and Cindy Kunkel###imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 06:07 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Helen. She always had a warm smile and kind words. She was an inspiration to all around her. Helen has made lasting memories that will remain in our hearts forever. Helen's wonderful family carries on her Joys of Life and Respect for people - We love you all. Hugs!
Donna & Dan##imported-begin##Dan and Donna
Strahm##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 01:53 PM