



## Ina May Dormire

May 13, 1929 - March 15, 2012

Ina May Dormire, 82, of Uniondale, passed away on March 15, 2012, in Bluffton.

She was the daughter of Alfred and Marie Girod and graduated from Rockcreek High School. She earned her undergraduate degree from Ball State University in music education. Both she and her husband Lex earned master's degrees from Columbia Teacher's College in New York City as newlyweds. She began her teaching career as a K-12 music teacher in Crown Point, Indiana, and later taught kindergarten at Ossian Elementary School. Ms. Dormire founded the St. Mark's Methodist Church Preschool in Decatur, Indiana, and taught a generation of children while its director. During this period, she also directed the adult choir at St. Mark's. Music students grew through piano and voice lessons she provided from her home.

Always active in community affairs, Ms. Dormire served on the boards of the Creative Arts Council of Wells County, Inc., and the Wells County Foundation. She also was a docent at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art and a member of two book clubs, frequently performing dramatic readings of famous literary figures to local community groups. During her retirement, she attended the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne.

Ms. Dormire was first and foremost a teacher always willing to share her considerable talents, whether by introducing young lives to the world of academia and citizenship, promoting perfect pitch and diction in the choral groups she directed, or transporting an audience to Emily Dickenson's 19th

century. She also was a loving wife to her husband Lex for 57 years, who preceded her in death on November 15, 2011, and a devoted mother to her two daughters who survive her, Abigail Dormire (Doug) Powers of Fort Wayne and Anne Keely (Charles Brumbaugh) Galluzzo of Cincinnati. She is also survived by sisters Hallie Pace and Joyce Grandlienard of Bluffton, and Jean (Jack) Kober of Liberty Center; a brother Don (Lorna) Girod of Indianapolis; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Care Retirement Community and the Creative Arts Council of Wells County, Inc.

Calling hours are from 2 to 6 p.m. at Thoma/Rich Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton on Saturday, March 17. A funeral service will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at the Creative Arts Center of Wells County followed by a burial at Horeb Cemetery.

Online condolences: [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAR 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery  
2580 Romig Road  
Akron, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ina May Dormire*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ina May Dormire*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ I have such wonderful memories of the Dormire family growing up. Ina May was so much fun and always organizing us girls. Be it the car washes or the musical productions, we knew we were in for a treat! She was a true musical mentor for me and many others. I can still remember her rendition of I do, I do at a mother's day program at church and her declaration to me one sunny afternoon alone at St Mark's that I had a nice clear voice and should use it! Up until then, I hadn't really thought about it! And of course, she never booted us out the door when we listened hour after hour with Anne and Abby to the Monkees!!! I can only imagine that her and Davey are together jamming today!! God's blessings to your family.

Love,

Christine##imported-begin##Christine and Dan Hunt##imported-end##

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April 28, 2012 at 07:42 PM



“ Abby , Sorry Rick and I could not come to visitation for your Mom. I think she was looking forward to being with your Dad. Remember all the happy times. It will help you through your time of sadness. Our love and prayers are sent to you and your family.##imported-begin##Rick and Candy Murphy##imported-end##

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March 26, 2012 at 10:34 PM



“ Abby and family. I was so sad to hear of your mother's death. My heart goes out to all of you. I know it has been a rough year for you but God always has plans for each and every one of you. Please know that Mark and I are thinking of you. Denise##imported-begin##Denise Millholland Grove##imported-end##

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March 21, 2012 at 02:34 PM



“ 3.18.12

*Dear Dormire Families:*

*So sorry to read about the passing of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*Mrs. Dormire was a wonderful person and an amazing educator at the St. Mark's Methodist Pre-School. Both of our children (now 35 & 31 yrs. old) attended St. Mark Nursery School & have very fond memories.*

*With Sincere Sympathy,*

*Lou & Vicky Koning (retired NACS)*

*Decatur, IN 46733###imported-begin##Vicky & Lou*

*Koning###imported-end##*

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March 19, 2012 at 12:08 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Dormire's family. Our family will always remember her as 3 of our children attended St. Mark's during their preschool years. We still remember the songs she taught us and now our grandson is attending the same preschool and daycare. She made a difference in our lives and we will never forget her. Pat and Ginny Terveer*

*Adrienne (now, Adrienne Ranly), Kelley and Taylor###imported-begin##The Terveer Family, Decatur, IN###imported-end##*

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March 17, 2012 at 04:27 PM



“ Anne and Abby: I am sorry to learn of your Mothers passing. I am not sure if you are aware, but she sang at our wedding in 1964 at St. Marks Church in Uniondale. Anne, I had you as a student at Rockcreek. Your Mother and Father were most respected Educators in the area. May the Good Lord comfort you in this time of sorrow.  
Ken###imported-begin###Ken Lupp###imported-end##

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March 17, 2012 at 02:23 PM



“ My family would like to extend our condolences in the passing of "Mrs. Dormire." She was a wonderful human being and teacher. I will always remember her bright smile, as she took care of our three young children in the preschool. That was back in the 1980s, but seems like yesterday. The past week, she had been on my mind alot for some reason, and now I know why. Again, we are sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,  
Timothy & Constance Hammond###imported-begin###Constance Hammond###imported-end##

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March 17, 2012 at 11:38 AM



“ We send our sympathy to the family of Ina May. It is always sad to read of the homegoing of one we have known so long. God's blessings on each of you.###imported-begin###Tom and Nancy Haiflich###imported-end##

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March 16, 2012 at 07:29 PM



“ I am saddened to learn of the death of Ina May Dormire. I have known Ina May and admired her family my entire life starting with her parents and her siblings. My sincerest condolences to Joyce and Jean, Hallie Marie and Don, and to Abby. I was not acquainted with Anne, but with a family of this kind she must be outstanding, too.

Jack Edris###imported-begin##John (Jack) Edris###imported-end##

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March 16, 2012 at 06:08 PM



“ Mrs. Dormire was in charge of the Nursery School at St. Mark's when my son was in preschool. He is now 22 years old. She was always very nice to me and my family. I could tell that she enjoyed working with children very much which made it easier for me to leave my son in her care. She was very good at what she did (teaching). She will be sadly missed.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lee###imported-begin##Stacey Lee###imported-end##

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March 16, 2012 at 01:51 PM



“ Anne,  
I'm sorry for your loss of your mother. She sounds like she was a wonderful and dynamic woman! I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Gina###imported-begin##Gina lames###imported-end##

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March 16, 2012 at 01:27 PM



“ I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Pat###imported-begin##Pat Magill###imported-end##

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March 16, 2012 at 01:11 PM



“ Anne and family

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. May each of you experience peace as well as blessings during this difficult yet sacred time.*

*My grandmother's name was also Ina!*

*Sincerely,*

*Cynthia Mason###imported-begin##Cynthia Mason###imported-end##*

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March 16, 2012 at 11:52 AM



“ I attended St. Mark's pre-school for 2 years as a child and loved Mrs. Dormire! I still remember her coming to our room and reading to us. When traveling to I-69 from Decatur we would go by her house, as a child this was a highlight of the trip for me. A few months ago when I went by I saw that it was for sale. It was always a beautiful property right out of a story book. I'll be keeping the family in my thoughts for they have lost a great woman!###imported-begin##Jennifer Andrews-Gerber###imported-end##

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March 16, 2012 at 10:18 AM