



Iris J. Hunt

June 22, 1929 - July 4, 2025

Iris J. Hunt, 96 of Ossian, passed away on Friday evening, July 4, 2025, at Ossian Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Iris was born on June 22, 1929, in Poneto to Benjamin and Linnie (Welch) Holsinger. She graduated from Bluffton High School. Iris provided daycare to a host of children for many years. She worked for Adams Wells Special Education School from 1969 until her retirement in 1991. She will be remembered for her love of cooking. Iris enjoyed having the family together for family meals. Family holidays were a treasure to her, with her family around the table. Her baking skills were fantastic. She could often be found in the kitchen with a rolling pin in hand, making her famous noodles!

She and Richard D. Gentis were married in Bluffton on July 2, 1948. He preceded her in death in 1969. On June 12, 1976, Iris and Marion J. Hunt were married in Bluffton. He preceded her in death in 2005.

Survivors include her children, Teresa (Jake) Reineck of Bluffton, Janet Weikel of Fort Wayne, David (Vicki) Hunt and Larry Hunt, all of Bluffton, along with 16 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Richard Holsinger of Bluffton.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Richard Gentis and her second husband Marion Hunt, a daughter Cynthia K. Stuff, a son-in-law Gary Weikel, a sister-in-law Janet Holsinger and her siblings, Brooks Holsinger, Ellen Osborn and Howard Holsinger.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, (July 9, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will take place from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon on Wednesday, prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Friends of Ouabache State Park and directed through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends are welcome to send online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Iris J. Hunt.*



July 08, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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“ *I worked with Iris for many years at Vera Cruz and Poplar Grove. We remained friends even after both of us went our separate ways. She was the kindest lady with such a big heart. I will miss her. Love and sympathy to the family.*

Colleen Shenk - July 07, 2025 at 03:12 PM

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“ *Iris will be deeply missed here at Ossian Health Communities, she played an active roll in our activity department. She was loved by all who came in contact with her. Sweet memories of her will live in all of our hearts.*



Stephanie Cook, Life Enrichment Director - July 07, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Iris J. Hunt.*



July 07, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Iris J. Hunt.*

July 07, 2025 at 08:27 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Iris J. Hunt.*



July 07, 2025 at 08:27 AM

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“ *Iris was always such a sweet kind lady. I have many fond memories of her. Love to the family.*

Ruie Penrod - July 06, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Iris J. Hunt.*



July 05, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Iris J. Hunt.*

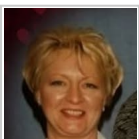
July 05, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Iris J. Hunt.*



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“ *Aunt Iris made the very best date pudding, Mom made the best noodles, Aunt Joyce the best pineapple delight, and Aunt Barbara the best bread and butter pickles. Iris was a lovely lady, and I'm honored to call her my Aunt. Greg says they're probably exchanging secret recipes. Beautiful lady!*

Sheila Herdman - July 05, 2025 at 09:59 AM