



Janet Heller

September 29, 1930 - March 31, 2016

Janet Heller, 85 of Bluffton passed away at 10:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Janet was born on September 29, 1930 in Wells County to John H. "Jack" Lamson & Norma (Kain) Lamson-Larmore. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1948 and lived in Wells County until 1988, when she retired from the Wells/Adams Credit Bureau. She then moved to North Carolina and worked at Haywood Community College for 11 years. She returned to Bluffton in 2003, where she was a 30 year active member of Psi Iota Xi sorority serving two terms as President. She was a lifelong learner who loved music, reading and enjoyed nature. Janet attended the First Church of Christ in Bluffton. Janet's first marriage was to William "Bill" Wolfcale, Jr. and he preceded her in death. She later married Donald W. Heller, who also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children: Linda (John) Deming of Fort Wayne, Beverly (Dwight) Habegger of Berne, Craig (Tami) Wolfcale of Bluffton and step-children: Donald W. (Gale) Heller, Jr. of Markle, Jeffrey A. (Mary) Heller of Michigan and Mark D. Heller of Markle. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren; Kristina (Rob) McComb, Paul (Tammy Swihart) Deming, Scott (Jen) Deming, Lyndsi (Tyler) Moser, Michael (Trista) Wolfcale, Brad (Melissa) Agee, Anne (Bentley) Boots, Heather Agee, Katelyn Wolfcale, Shad Williams, Shawn (Annie) Williams and Stephanie (Rick) Frye along with 19 great-grandchildren and a step-sister, Helen Fitzwater of Edmond, OK.

She is preceded in death by her parents and step-father Charles W. Larmore along with her husbands.

A service to celebrate Janet's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday (April 30, 2016) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Larry Sprinkle will officiate. Calling hours will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., prior to the service on Saturday. A committal service will follow at the Northridge Mausoleum Niche Shelter located at Fairview Cemetery. In Lieu of Flowers, memorials may be made to Operation Smile or to the Wells County Foundation for the Whicker Park ADA Accessible Community Play Ground Fund or Wells County Public Library.

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.co

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Cemetery Details

Northridge Community Mausoleum located in Fairview Cemetery

3101 East St. Rd. 124
Bluffton, In

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Heller*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 01, 2016 at 09:59 AM



“ *Janet Heller*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ I met Janet at HRD Haywood Community College when I worked there from 1996 to 1999. Those three years with Janet and our boss Carolyn Holcomb (also now passed onto her eternal reward) were three of the best and pivotal years of my life. I worked as an instructor, a completely new position; I was a newly divorced mother of a two-year-old at 36, slightly overwhelmed and confused. Carolyn took me on, as Janet would later say of herself, and loved and mentored me. Janet stood by as a steadfast encourager.

Carolyn was the sparky Southern mentor mom I never had. Janet was the warmth, wit and wisdom of my own Midwestern Ohio family, familiar to me, and comforting. She always met any circumstances or chaos (we worked with welfare moms and career-changing mid-lifers) with the same even temperament and that beautiful smile; she always had a simple anecdote or clever observation that brought a new level of appreciation to all our daily work lives. She always gave a gift to my son on his birthday. In fact I recently found a thank-you note he wrote twenty years ago and I never sent. It was sitting on my coffee table when I got the news of her passing. A missed opportunity. But that is what she reminded me of, not to miss opportunities to bless and remember people, particularly on their special days. Sometimes we would chat on the phone and she would tell me she had travel brochures spread all over her bed, and she was “traveling.” Simple pleasures and dreaming, all the while living her daily life as such a precious thing. It is difficult to articulate the impact she had on my delicate life during that time, and to this day.

We had in the past few years, reconnected, and shared funny stories about Carolyn and what a special time that was for the three of us. The week before Janet passed on, she sent me newspaper clippings on her town’s centennial. She included notes on my uncle Lew Wallace, remembering some family history I had shared. Even when I did not keep up with her life, she remembered mine. That, dear friends, is how my Jesus behaves, and when He saved my life ten years ago, she celebrated that with me, too.

She was funny, beautiful, wise, warm, sensible and saavy. She is my third friend in this past year, all in their eighties, to pass on, and the last of my “elder” advisors. I will look to her legacy now, to inform my next years, and count it a blessing and privilege to do so. My prayers and thoughts are with her family. I know you will miss her dearly.

Deborah Mickler - June 01, 2016 at 01:04 PM

LN

“ I'm so thankful to have reconnected with my Aunt Janet, sharing our lives and the bond that connects our hearts. Although our families were distant, the Christmas gatherings at her home were magical. Her grace, strength, beauty, those sparkly eyes and quick smile will always touch my heart. ~ My Deepest Condolences to Craig, Beverly, Linda and the family.

Lori Nero - May 22, 2016 at 06:04 PM



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 28, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Janet Heller.



April 28, 2016 at 11:11 AM

DL

“ I send my sincere condolences to Janet's family. I worked with Janet while she worked at Haywood Community College and have fond memories of her as a sweet lady. May God bless and comfort you now and always.

Donna De Luca

Donna De Luca - April 22, 2016 at 04:41 PM

CB

“ My Aunt Janet was one of my favorite people. What a lovely and gracious lady she was. I loved spending time with her over a "cup of tea". She taught me grace and elegance by example of her actions. I certainly will miss her written notes and clipped articles she would send through the mail. My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins and their families. She will be missed by so many. Connie Wolfcale Bade

Connie Wolfcale Bade - April 11, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JD

“ Janet was a lovely lady and we will miss seeing her in church. We pray for peaceful thoughts and loving memories to ease the pain for the family in this time of loss.

Jerry and Cindy Dillon - April 07, 2016 at 10:25 PM

SS

“ My wonderful memories of Aunt Janet recall her laughter that would lighten up the entire day, her grace, sophistication, inner and outer BEAUTY, and that shock of premature white hair running through her darker hair as far back as I can recall. Though living far away, I was blessed to reacquaint with her via visits to my birthplace in Bluffton. She will always be in my heart and mind as one of my VERY FAVORITE people!!! I look forward to catching up, again, with her in the future. My sincerest condolences to her very blessed family.

Sue Wolfcale Swain - April 05, 2016 at 08:17 AM

SF

“ I have such warm childhood memories of Janet. I'm thankful for the time spent with her, she was a loving grandmother to me. Even after a divorce in the family, and years later, she always sent me and my girls both birthday and Christmas cards. I'm so sorry to hear of her loss. - Stephanie (Heller) Frye

Stephanie Frye - April 04, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Janet Heller.



April 03, 2016 at 12:54 PM