



Janice K. Higginbottom

July 15, 1936 - June 17, 2020

Janice K. Higginbottom, 83 of Bluffton passed away on Wednesday morning, June 17, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on July 15, 1936 in Polk County, Iowa to Norman C. & Velma (Stemler) Miller. She graduated as the valedictorian at Maxwell High School and attended some classes at the University of Iowa. Janice & Arthur James "A.J." Higginbottom were married on December 25, 1954 in Elkhart, Iowa. They shared 64 years of marriage and he preceded her in death on February 8, 2019.

Janice and A.J. started their own company, H.M.S. Zoo Diets, and developed nutritional formulas and the production of specialty foods for many animals at zoos across the country. Janice served as the President and held an active role in the operations. She had a talent for sewing, quilting and working in her flower gardens. She loved to read, swim and will be remembered for her hospitality to anyone who visited! Most of all, she was very proud of the title Grandma! She attended First Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara L. (Scott) Mossburg of Bluffton, a son Jeffery J. (Kimberly) Higginbottom of Bluffton, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Norma Jean Mauch of Bondurant, Iowa.

Janice is preceded in death by her parents and a son, Brian L. Higginbottom, a brother, Robert Miller, an infant sister, Marilyn Miller and sister Mary Ann Brown.

The safety of the family and all visitors are our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing and masks are optional during your visit. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

A service to celebrate Janice's life will take place at 2 P.M. on Sunday (June 21, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Brandon Kelley officiating. Calling hours will be held from 12 Noon to 2 P.M. on Sunday at the funeral home, prior to the service. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Zoological Association of America.

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

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice K. Higginbottom*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 21, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Janice K. Higginbottom*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I am very sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. I did not realize your dad had passed also although I did read about your brother. Now that I've moved away I sometimes miss knowing. I'm sure you and her grandchildren will miss her a lot.
Sincerely, Jo Ann Record and family.*

Jo Ann Record - July 10, 2020 at 11:36 AM

HE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jan was a best friend from my childhood who later became the wife of my brother. So many, many, happy memories. The good times we had playing at her house, the big girls (Jan and Helen) and the little girls (Cathy, Caroline, Mary and Alice), the creek just outside the door, playing dress up, the floods, the teen years of dances and parties, double dating with A.J. and Don. She was always there for you. I cherish those memories. Love to you all.

Helen - June 21, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice K. Higginbottom.



June 20, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ 170 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 02:29 PM

VJ

“ Thinking of you all. Cherish the memories. May God bless and comfort you in the coming days. Valerie Wilson Jackson

Valerie Jackson - June 19, 2020 at 08:55 AM

KH

Thank you so much, Valerie. That means a lot to us. Praying God's comfort for you and your family in your grieving as well.

Jeff and Kim H.

K. Higginbottom - June 24, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news. Prayers to you all as you observe her life with memories.

Kathy Gardner - June 18, 2020 at 06:05 PM

SK

“ Barb and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers in this time of loss. In deepest sympathy. Sherry Knight-

Sherry Knight - June 18, 2020 at 12:38 PM

TM

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your special loved one
Trudy and Fred Murray



Trudy and Fred Murray - June 17, 2020 at 08:07 PM