



## Jean M. Kober

August 29, 1926 - April 23, 2022

Jean M. Kober, 95, of Liberty Center, passed away on Saturday afternoon, April 23, 2022, at River Terrace in Bluffton.

She was born on August 29, 1926, in Bluffton to Alfred & Marie (Brickley) Girod. A 1944 graduate of Rockcreek High School, Jean graduated from the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing where she was a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps. Upon receiving her RN degree, she worked as a nurse at Wells County Hospital and was the first school nurse at Southern Wells Community Schools, retiring in 1988 after 20 years of service.

Jean was a member of the Boehmer United Methodist Church for over 65 years where she served as pianist, organist, Sunday School teacher, and an active member of the United Methodist Women. Jean faithfully volunteered at Bluffton Regional Medical Center for over 25 years and was a member of the Wells County Homemakers' Club and P.B.S. (Papa Babysits) Club. Jean was also a talented quilter.

On October 20, 1948, in Rock Creek Township, Jean and Jack E. Kober were married. They were longtime residents of Liberty Township until moving to River Terrace Retirement Community in 2014.

Jean and Jack thoroughly enjoyed family vacations in Minnesota for 30 years. Celebrating their 80th birthdays at Crow Crest Lodge in Nevis, MN, was a highlight for the extended Kober family.

Survivors include her husband of 73 years, Jack Kober of Bluffton, and children: Jill (Jerome) Markley of Bluffton, Joe (Kelly) Kober of Liberty Center, and Judy (Bill) Hogg of Bluffton. She was a loving grandmother to eight grandchildren: Ben (Lesley) Markley of Indianapolis; Paul (Shea) Markley of Omaha, NE; Drew Markley of Fort Wayne; Adam Kober (Jonathan Shinn) of Newport Beach, CA; Krista (Ian) Moore of Houston, TX; Patrick (Sara) Kober of Liberty Center; John (Christin) Hogg of Boise, ID; and Peter (Laura) Hogg of Indianapolis, along with 14 great-grandchildren.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Hallie Pace, Ina May Dormire, Don Girod, and her twin, Joyce Grandlienard.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with pastors Barry Humble and Steve Nevius officiating. Burial will follow at Mossburg Cemetery near Liberty Center.

Visitation hours will be held from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Friday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Jean's memory to the Boehmer United Methodist Church or to Mossburg Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Kober family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mossburg Cemetery

1300S 550W  
Liberty Center, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

APR 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

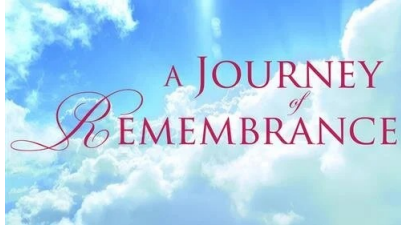
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean M. Kober*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 29, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Jean M. Kober*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *so sorry for your loss.*

Wilma Love - May 05, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean M. Kober.*



April 29, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *We are saddened to hear of the passing of Jean, a Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing alumna. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Please accept my condolences on behalf of the University of Saint Francis (caretaker of the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing records). With Sympathy, Ann Phillips (Institutional Advancement)*

Ann Phillips - April 29, 2022 at 10:46 AM

DM

“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Drew Markley - April 29, 2022 at 10:12 AM

CD

“ To the family, You have our deepest sympathy on your loss. She was a wonderful lady. We will keep you in our prayers. Ed & Celia (Moser) Dunmoyer

Celia Dunmoyer - April 28, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ 153 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 28, 2022 at 03:53 PM

GH

“ Jean was a very special lady. Always smiling and so friendly. She is healed and rejoicing in Heaven with Joyce and the rest of the Girod family. May God Bless you in the days and weeks ahead with special memories to bring you comfort and a smile.

Glennis (Schoeff) Henly



Glennis Henly - April 28, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean M. Kober.*



April 27, 2022 at 07:54 AM

BG

“ *Jack, Jill, Joe, Judy and Families, Jean was the school nurse at Southern Wells all the years my Son, Scott was a student there and also at the Liberty Center Elementary School before that. In later years Jean and I would be in the Liberty Twp Homemakers Extension Club until it disbanded and we were the only remaining of the group. She would send little cards to me after club meetings and she was so complimentary. Jean was a bundle of energy and always wore that "trademark" smile. Blessings to all of you. BJ, Marion, and Scott Gray*



**BJ Gray** - April 26, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean M. Kober.*



April 26, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean M. Kober.*



April 25, 2022 at 07:30 PM

BW

“ *Jill, I so enjoyed working near your mom. She was a very dear, sweet lady. Prayers to you and your family.*

**Becky West** - April 25, 2022 at 06:31 PM

KS

“ Jean was such a sweet caring person. She was such a good friend to my Mom. You are in my thoughts.  
Kathy Barker Spaulding

Kathy Spaulding - April 25, 2022 at 10:05 AM

BS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. She was such a sweet woman. Being pregnant my senior year in high school, she helped me through alot of challenges. She was there for me anytime I needed to talk. I had alot of respect for this lovely woman. Rest in peace Mrs. Kober.



Beverly Steffen - April 25, 2022 at 05:32 AM

JB

I was sad to hear Jean had passed away !!! She was the sweetest person & was always so friendly & never met a stranger.  
Jean was the school nurse @ S. Wells when my 3 children were in Elementary School.  
PRAYERS 🙏🙏 for her family ! 🕊

Judy Biberstine - April 25, 2022 at 12:45 PM

LW

“ Awe so sad , she was such a wonderful lady. I enjoyed her while I worked at River Terrace. She will be missed



lesia wood - April 24, 2022 at 10:04 PM

BR

“ Our deepest sympathies. What a sweet lady and a loving and caring nurse at Southern Wells.  
Don & Barbara Renner

Barbara Renner - April 24, 2022 at 10:01 PM

MI

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of you, Jean's family! So many fond memories with Jean at Southern Wells and getting to know all of you!❤️❤️ Coach Jim Itwin and Mary Ann Itwin

MaryAnn Irwin - April 24, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean M. Kober.*



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April 24, 2022 at 09:15 PM

BG

“ *Jean was the most caring school nurse I ever had at Southern Wells. May you rest in peace sweet lady.RIP*

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**Barbara garrison** - April 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

KB

“ *I have so many memories of visiting with Jean at her breakfast gatherings at McDonald's. She was quite the lady. My sympathy to the family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers*



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**Kristine Bushee** - April 23, 2022 at 10:32 PM