



## Jeane K. Almdale

February 22, 1923 - January 27, 2022

Jeane Katherine Almdale, 98, has died of natural causes on January 27, 2022. She was born on February 22, 1923 in University City, Missouri, the daughter of William Paul & Florence Christine Gruendler. She went on to graduate from Michigan State University during which time she met her future husband, Howard, who was the brother of her roommate at Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. After World War II, she married Howard on June 7, 1947. She then helped him start his lifelong business-Almco Steel Products-which manufactures steel stampings for trucks, autos and construction machines, in Bluffton, Indiana. Church members for the family over many years was at First United Methodist Church. She was active in Foltz Literary Group and remained an avid reader to her end. Her love for reading and promotion of education were very important, and she was active in the League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her three sons; Scott (Karen) in Somers, Montana, Jim (Audrey) in Markle and David (Jenny) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, six grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Howard and her brother William Stuart Gruendler.

Funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton at 11 A.M. on Saturday (February 19, 2022) with visitation from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M., prior to the service. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be given to the First United Methodist Church, Wells County Creative Arts 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.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

## Funeral Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeane K. Almdale*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Almdale Family: I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏 I only worked with Jeane for a little over a year , but she was such a down to earth and kind person. She will be missed by many and I'm so thankful I got to know her.*

**Linda Lozano** - February 15, 2022 at 12:59 AM



“ *Linda Lozano lit a candle in memory of Jeane K. Almdale*



**Linda Lozano** - February 15, 2022 at 12:53 AM



“ *Jim Almdale family,*

*Condolences and heart healing prayers at this time.  
Debi DeBolt Smith*

**Debra Smith** - February 14, 2022 at 04:10 PM

YS

“ *Your Friends at Baden Gage & Schroeder purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jeane K. Almdale.*



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**Your Friends at Baden Gage & Schroeder** - February 10, 2022  
at 11:59 AM

JE

“ *Jim Almdale & family,  
We did not have the pleasure of knowing your mother, but we do know that your parents were good people. They contributed much to all those around them and left the world a better place.  
Our prayers and sympathies are with you all in this time of loss.  
Jeff and Sharon Espichj*

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**jeff Espich** - February 08, 2022 at 07:26 PM

EL

“ *Jim,  
  
I'm so sorry for your sorrow and loss. I know your mother is smiling somewhere, as she watches over all of you. May God's mercy and blessing be upon your family at this difficult time.  
  
Eric Langdana*

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**Eric Langdana** - February 07, 2022 at 11:34 AM

DG

“ *I enjoyed visiting with Mrs. Almdale when delivering meals to her. She was very friendly and inspiring. Doug Gerber*

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**Doug Gerber** - February 05, 2022 at 11:51 AM

EG

“ My favorite pic from those recent releases Beau got. Sent it and others to him for the video, and am wondering if any films from Mac exist. *THOSE* were the DAYS! -Cuz'n Rik



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**Erik Gruendler** - February 04, 2022 at 12:22 PM

DO

“ Your family is in our hearts and prayers.

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**Dave and Barb (Fair) Oswalt** - February 02, 2022 at 06:16 PM

JD

“ To the Almdale family, our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss.

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**Jerry and Cindy Dillon** - February 02, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Michael Collins** - February 01, 2022 at 09:57 PM

MC

*Scott, Jim and David, I am so sorry to hear of Jeane's passing. Your Mom was such a wonderful person and a dear friend of Betty and I's. This picture was taken at one of your mom's favorite places back in 2008. I used to refer to Jeane, Betty and Marge as the "Golden Girls" with all the fun they had together. I'll treasure the memories of the time we got to spend together. God bless your families. Jeane will be missed and remembered always with a smile.*

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**Michael Collins** - February 02, 2022 at 04:15 PM

SK

“ *Jim and family. Sorry to hear of your loss. Didn't know your mom but looks like she led a long and happy life. Not easy to say goodbye, but I know she will live in your memories forever.*

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**Steve Kunkel** - February 01, 2022 at 10:31 AM

CY

“ *Loved playing Bridge with Jeane, what a gracious sweet lady*

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**Carolyn Yager** - January 31, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JJ

“ *Dear Almdale Family, I was so sorry to hear of Jeane's passing last wk. She was a wonderful and classy lady. My family sat right behind her at Church, Bluffton First. She especially has a special place in her heart for my son. She made sure she saw him every week and would try to keep up with everything he was doing in school and with his sports. May God's arms wrap around off of you in this time of transition. Blessing to all of you.*

*Jennfier Jesse and Dane  
1st United Methodist Church Members.*

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**jennifer jesse** - January 31, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *What a sweet sweet lady always with a smile! Am so happy she was in my life once a month when she was a bridge player.*

**Kathy Gardner** - January 31, 2022 at 10:26 AM

BG

“ *Jim and Family, I am so sorry to learn of your Mother passing. I remember her coming to our Bluffton Garden Club many years ago. She was a sweet, gracious lady and I enjoyed getting to meet her. Thinking of you.*  
*BJ Gray*



**BJ Gray** - January 29, 2022 at 10:23 AM

VJ

“ *Valerie Wilson Jackson lit a candle in memory of Jeane K. Almdale*



**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - January 28, 2022 at 10:02 PM

CH

“ *Dear Jim, Audrey and family,  
Dan and I are thinking of you as you mourn the loss of your mother. God bless your family during this time.*  
*Christine and Dan Hunt*



**Christine and Dan Hunt** - January 28, 2022 at 09:55 AM

LG

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of Jeane. She was such a lovely and knowledgable lady. Your family is our thoughts and prayers.

*Laura Gentis*

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**Laura Gentis** - January 28, 2022 at 09:40 AM

DR

“ Scott, Jim & David: My sincerest condolences to you with the passing of your mother. Like your father, she will be missed by the entire community. Strong prayers for you and your families at this time. Keep the Sun in Your Heart and continue to follow the example of your parents in the days and years ahead.

*Sincerely, Doug Rich*

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**D. R.** - January 27, 2022 at 07:36 PM

AP

*Her Last few words to me upon Our Visit was that She Loved Me and to Come back SOON.  
I replied that I Loved Her Also. She reminded me to continue watering her plants and take Care of her House. We were Friends & SHE my Employer for 28 years.*

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**Ann Andrews Pommer** - February 07, 2022 at 06:15 PM

BC

“ Dear Scott, Jim, Dave, and Almdale Families!  
So Sorry to hear about your Mother Jeannie!  
Our Prayers are with each of you as you all  
Grieve your loss of your Mom! 🙏 What a  
Dear Wonderful, Sweet, Kind Lady Jeannie  
was! She is with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and getting her  
Angel's Wings! I have Enjoyed being able to mow your Mom's yard  
for the last 35 years! Thank u Almdale Family for giving me that  
privilege and honor to do so! God Bless the Almdale Family! Love,  
Barry and JoEllen! 🙏❤️🙏



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**Barry Crosbie** - January 27, 2022 at 03:46 PM

NH

“ Scott & family, Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of  
your mother. Hoping memories and her love comfort you at this  
time. Nancy Reusser Halstead

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**Nancy Reusser Halstead** - January 27, 2022 at 03:01 PM