



Jeanne V. Mc Cord

December 20, 1922 - May 31, 2009

Jeanne V. McCord, 86, formerly of Bluffton, died at 10:52 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany, Ind.

She spent most of her life living in Bluffton with her husband, Eugene “Mac” McCord before moving to New Albany in 2006.

Mrs. McCord was involved for more than 20 years in public service, virtually all of it in a volunteer capacity. She became an outreach worker in 1970 with the present Community & Family Services agency and served more than 15 years as the nominee to that agency from the Wells County Board of Commissioners.

She also worked with the food/utility bank for a number of years when the community aid organization had its beginning under the Bluffton Ministerial Association.

She also was the founder of the Wells County Assistance and Christmas Bureau which developed from an organization initially helping 25 to 30 families to one which currently provides assistance to more than 350 families in Wells County. She also was instrumental in organizing the Panos Free Clinic.

Mrs. McCord and her husband are both past recipients of the distinguished “Sagamore of the Wabash” award. She was presented with Indiana’s highest civilian honor during the term of the late Gov. Frank O’Bannon.

She was a past recipient of the “Community Service Award” from the Indiana Governor’s Voluntary Action Program. She was honored in 1991 by then-

Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh.

She is also a past recipient of the Woman of the Year Award from the Bluffton Professional Women association.

Mrs. McCord was a member of the Bluffton First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She also is an honorary member and past president of the local chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio on Dec. 20, 1922, to George R. and Vivian (Smith) Botkin, she graduated from Ravenna High School in 1940, attended a junior college in Florida for two years, then transferred to Kent State University.

She married Eugene McCord on Jan. 30, 1944 in Kent, Ohio. At the conclusion of World War II, the McCords moved to Bluffton where Mr. McCord was employed with the News-Banner editorial staff for more than 50 years.

In addition to the husband in New Albany, other survivors include three daughters, Jennifer (Sam) Crum of Fairmount, Amy (State Rep. Ed) Clere of New Albany and Susanna McCord of Bluffton; and three sons, Michael (Lucie Dufresne) McCord of Ottawa, Canada, David (Lois) McCord of Phoenix, Ariz., and Dan McCord of St. Louis, Mo.

Also surviving are a brother, G. Robert Botkin of Camino, Calif., 10 grandchildren, Matthew Crum, Lynnette Gray, Mallari Crum, Alan Dykes, Lauren Dykes Hicks, Megan Dykes, John Clere, Hannah Clere, Michael McCord and Colin McCord; two great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, John.

A grave site service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with Pastor Bud Abrams of First Baptist Church officiating.

A memorial service is planned for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at Providence Retirement Home in New Albany.

Preferred memorials are to the Panos Free Clinic or First Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 3. 1:30 PM (ET)

Pleasant Dale Church Cemetery
4504W 300 N
Decatur, IN

Service

JUN 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Methodist Cemetery
2155 N 500 West
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanne V. Mc Cord*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mac, Amy, Susanna, and family, please accept our sincere sympathy. I'm sorry we were unable to see you on the 6th. It has been my pleasure to have known you and your family during our News Banner years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless each of you. Terry and Gloria*###imported-begin###*Terry and Gloria Steffen*###imported-end###

June 24, 2009 at 02:00 PM



“ *You will be remembered and missed.*

*Jeannie Patee
Current Secretary of the
Exeutive Board of Directors,
Coommunity & Family Services*###imported-begin###*Annis Jean Hite Patee*###imported-end###

June 07, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ *You have my sincerely condolences on your loss. She will be greatly missed.*###imported-begin###*Tamara Runyon*###imported-end###

June 03, 2009 at 01:53 PM



“ Susanna, I'm really sorry to hear about your mom. She was a really great lady! I'm sorry I can't come to the funeral home, but I'm working in Hollister, California as a travel nurse, and I won't be home until the end of July. I will be praying for you and your family.

Love, Jane##imported-begin##Jane Lampman##imported-end##

June 03, 2009 at 01:55 AM



“ Please accept our sympathy and prayers.
Jeanne was a special lady. She did a great deal for the community, her church and friends.

God bless.##imported-begin##Ron and Jane Decker##imported-end##

June 02, 2009 at 05:01 PM



“ To the family of Jeanne McCord,
I cannot express the sadness when reading of the passing of Jeanne. She was a wonderful person. I have several childhood memories of the family that I will always cherish. My thoughts are with all of you. Joyce##imported-begin##Joyce Bauer Beecher##imported-end##

June 02, 2009 at 12:40 PM



“ I was saddened to read of Jeanne's death. I had her for a SS teacher at First Baptist and always admired her. I had also been a baby sitter for Michael, John and David. My prayers are with the family in your time of loss.##imported-begin##Suzanne McFarren Markley##imported-end##

June 02, 2009 at 07:44 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences. I read the Bluffton News-Banner obits and learned of Mrs. McCord's passing. I went to school with John McCord; I now live in Carlsbad, CA near San Diego, CA. My prayers are with your family. Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Reusser Halstead##imported-end##

June 01, 2009 at 12:13 AM