



Jill Ellenberger

April 10, 1950 - May 21, 2023

Jill Ellenberger, 73 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2023, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton, surrounded by her family.

Jill was born on April 10, 1950 in Wells County to Joe D. Holloway and Martha Ferne (Starr) Holloway. She graduated from Southern Wells High School with the class of 1968. She worked in the financial banking industry for many years. She started working at Lincoln Life in Fort Wayne and then worked at the Old First National Bank in Bluffton. It was at Old First that Jill met Kenneth “Ken” Ellenberger. They were married on May 8, 1971 at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Jill worked for 24 years at Farmers & Merchant Bank / Wells Fargo Bank as a community banker. After she retired, she worked part-time at Ossian State Bank.

Jill was a supportive mother who was dedicated to attending all of her children’s sporting and 4-H activities. She enjoyed being a member of the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include her children; DeAnna (Sri) Pursai of San Jose, CA, Angel Ellenberger of Decatur, Doug (Christine) Ellenberger of White Salmon, WA and Jessica (Dion) Dubbeld of Bluffton along with 5 grandchildren; Anjali & Nina Pursai and Shepherd, Otis and Woods Dubbeld.

Jill is also survived by siblings; Sally Jo Tinkel of Bluffton, Dan (wife Rose) Anderson of Bluffton, Jerri (husband Don) Lehman of Craigville, Jon (wife Carla) Holloway of Angola, Jeff Holloway of Fort Wayne, Jody (wife Jodi)

Holloway of Bluffton and Jay (wife Marie) Holloway of Wyoming along with a brothers-in-law Eric Jarrett of Liberty Center and Fred Webb of Fort Wayne. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ken, and two brothers, Jack Holloway & Steven James "Jim" Holloway and two sisters, Sara Jane Jarrett & Jenelle Webb.

Visitation will take place from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Wednesday, (May 24, 2023), at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, (May 25, 2023), at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Chaplain Denise Schwaberow officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the College of Adaptive Arts, a program that Jill's daughter DeAnna, oversees, and more information about this organization can be found at www.collegeofadaptivearts.org.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 24, 2023 at 02:34 PM

DG

“ *I'm going to miss Jill. She sure loved to pester me when I was out at the farm working. There were many times she would just come out and sit and talk. Imagine that! Jill was one of kind and was always keeping me up to date on her kids. The Ellenberger and Dubbeld family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - May 28, 2023 at 02:35 PM

RR

“ *My condolences to Jill's family. Jill was one of my classmates from Class of '68 Southern Wells. Will be keeping the family in my prayers.*



Rodney Rains - May 26, 2023 at 07:08 AM

BG

“ So sorry for your loss of Jill. She was a sweetie! ~BJ~



BJ Gray - May 25, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jill Ellenberger.



May 24, 2023 at 10:34 PM



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May 24, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 24, 2023 at 10:22 AM

DC

Smiling right up until the end, I'll bet. At least that's how I will always remember Jill. So sorry for your loss and also for not being able to see you all today. Praying for peace and Godspeed for all.

Dave Cole - May 24, 2023 at 12:55 PM

HF

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of Jill. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her. I remember her fondly.

Henerietta Fraysier - May 24, 2023 at 06:10 PM

MM

“ *Thinking of Jill's family and friends during this time. You will be in my prayers.*



Mindy Monticue - May 24, 2023 at 08:26 AM

MH

“ We have wonderful memories of Jill babysitting our son Evan. We have always appreciated the loving care she gave him. We will be praying for you to feel God’s comfort in the days ahead.
Jim and Marcie Hunter

Marcie Hunter - May 23, 2023 at 09:41 PM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Jill's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your families. God bless

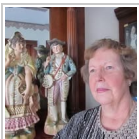
Rosalee Hockenberry - May 23, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - May 23, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ Thinking of you all at the passing of Sissie who will be fondly remembered. May she be at rest.

Kathy Gardner

Kathy Gardner - May 23, 2023 at 09:41 AM

SK

“ *Saddened to hear this news. I always liked Jill (and her family). She always had a smile and a pleasant 'Hello' when I saw her.* ”

Steve Kunkel - May 23, 2023 at 08:04 AM

TR

“ *Sorry for your loss of a special gal in your family* ”



Trudy - May 22, 2023 at 06:34 PM