



## Jo Ella Evans

May 10, 1934 - January 24, 2011

Jo Ella Evans, 76, of Bluffton passed away at 3:30 a.m. Monday, January 24, 2011.

Jo Ella worked in the Clerical Department at Wells Community Hospital for eleven years retiring in 2000. She was a 1952 graduate of Portland High School and lived most of her life in Adams and Wells Counties except for four years when she resided in Tampa, Florida. Jo Ella was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Jo Ella was born May 10, 1934 in Dayton, Ohio, to James Erlet and Golda Journey Erlet. On September 26, 1953 in Liberty Center, Indiana, she married Donald D. Bowen; he preceded her in death on May 7, 1989. On April 29, 1994 in Bluffton, Indiana, Jo Ella married Rev. Jual H. Evans and he survives and resides in Bluffton.

Survivors include a son, Michael (Sharice) Bowen of Uniondale; a daughter, Tina (Phil) Baumgartner of Bluffton; two step-daughters, Judith (Phil) Blackwell of Umatilla, Florida and Linda (John) Maher of Marion, Indiana and seven grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by three sisters; Donna Murley, Betty Stults and Mary Ann Stultz.

Calling hours will be 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to services on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the church.

Funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 10:30

a.m. Thursday, January 27, 2011 with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or Family Hospice & Palliative Care. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

JAN 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

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325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Ella Evans*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jo Ella Evans*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Tina, Mike & family: I want offer my sympathy to your family on the loss of your beloved Mother. I worked with JoElla at WCH. She was a wonderful person. She was a good friend to me and I will never forget her.##imported-begin##Jenny Hitchens ##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2011 at 08:07 AM



“ *Tina,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Knowles Family##imported-begin##Mak Knowles##imported-end##*

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January 30, 2011 at 09:49 PM



“ Mike, Tina and families,

*The Wilson family sends its condolences on the loss of your mom. She was a hoot. We have many good memories of her and Don through the years of being friends through Franklin Electric. Mom (Doris Wilson) and I enjoyed a trip to Branson with Jo and your step-father in 2001. She made the trip for us. Always sooo much fun to be around. God bless you as you deal with this tremendous loss of your other wonderful parent. Valerie##imported-begin##Doris Ann (Mrs. Dwight) Wilson and Valerie Wilson Jackson##imported-end##*

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January 28, 2011 at 05:15 PM



“ Tina & Mike

*So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I worked with her in the office at Wells Community 21 years ago. She was a neat and funny lady.*

*Whenever I look at Nativity sets I think of her. She hosted a Christmas party for the office girls one year. I remember her many and unusual Nativities she had. I especially remember the Native Indian one. May it comfort you to know she touched so many lives and will be remembered.*

*God Bless. Glennis Henly##imported-begin##Glennis Henly##imported-end##*

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January 27, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ Tina, Mike and Jual,

*You have my deepest sympathy on the passing of your Mother & Wife. She was a great lady.##imported-begin##Susan Poulson##imported-end##*

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January 27, 2011 at 09:15 AM



“ I worked with Jo Ella at Wells Community Hospital. She was a wonderful, funny and caring lady. I got to visit her at Meadowvale as my Dad was there at the same time. I am so glad she finally has found peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pam##imported-begin##Pam Glessner##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 03:15 PM



“ Dear Mike and Tina, I am so sorry for your loss. Jo Ella was a beautiful person, and cared so much for people. I was sorry to hear of her illness, and you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##BJ & Scott Gray##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ Mike and Tina, So sorry to hear about your Mother. Many years ago we had some wonderful times with our children at the 4H Pool in the summer. We will miss her at Church. You will be in our prayers. Barbara Brown##imported-begin##Barbara Brown##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ Your family has my deepest sympathy. I worked in IL at River Terrace for the last few years and your mom was such a blessing and encouragement not only to me but those she came in contact with. Her love for God and family was a great inspiration to me and will be sadly missed. Praise God tho, she is whole again and singing with the angels. God Bless your family!Beth Perry###imported-begin##Beth Perry###imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 08:46 AM



“ after only knowing and caring for joella for 1 month I fell in love with her and her family. Tina and mike, you had an amazing mom. A strong mom. A fighter. She loved you both (as she did all of her family) and my heart goes out to all of you. I will miss seeing her everyday and i will certainly miss her loving family. stop by and say hello sometime###imported-begin##kasey###imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 01:33 AM



“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. We are thinking of you during this time.###imported-begin##Jody and Jodi Holloway###imported-end##

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January 25, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ Mike and Tina, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a truly wonderful person.###imported-begin##Tami [Dubach] Jones###imported-end##

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January 25, 2011 at 06:04 PM



“ Mike and Tina, I am so sorry for your loss!! Your mother was a very sweet woman!! She was always very good to my son Nick!! Jo Ella will truley be missed!!###imported-begin##Sheila (Coffield) Soto###imported-end##

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January 25, 2011 at 03:55 PM



“ Sharice, Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. You have my deepest sympathy.###imported-begin##Kristie Schlemmer###imported-end##

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January 25, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ Your in a wonderful place now, and one day we will see each other again. I'm going to miss our weekly talks. I love you so much Grandma Jo. Please look down on me from time to time. Mel###imported-begin##Melissa Horbal###imported-end##

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January 24, 2011 at 11:07 PM