



## Lena J. Knowles

August 27, 1922 - October 3, 2018

Lena J. Knowles, 96, of Bluffton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, October 3, 2018, at Markle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Markle, Indiana.

She was born on August 27, 1922 in a log cabin in Poneto, Indiana to Earl E. & Mable Devona (Hedges) Betts. On that day so long ago, Lena began her life on this earth with a kind spirit and a determined mind. She lived her life to the fullest and never gave up in her pursuit of happiness. She enjoyed quilting, hiking, traveling, eating out at The Dutch Mill and Richards Restaurant in Bluffton and spending time with her family. She celebrated her faith and worshiped at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall in Bluffton, Indiana. Her kindness touched many and her heart was big enough to love everyone.

On July 24th, 1943 Lena married Marion T. Knowles from Liberty Center, Indiana and they began their grand adventure. His 20-year service in the United States Army Air Corps and then, later the United States Air Force gave them many opportunities to travel and see the sights outside their native Indiana. When they returned after his retirement they bought a farm outside of Poneto and made Wells County, Indiana their permanent home. He preceded her in death on September 27th, 1974.

Lena is survived by her children, Lon (Thelma) Knowles of Hudson, IN, LaNae (Bruce) Golder of Bluffton, Mitchell (Deb) Knowles of Niceville, FL, along with 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her brothers Jay

(Nancy) Betts of Petroleum and Vaughn Betts of Fort Wayne.

She is also preceded in death by her twin sister Leela, her sons Marion Jr (MT), Marlin, Marlo and her brother Gene.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 A.M. Monday (Oct. 8th) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at Grove Cemetery in Poneto, Indiana. Calling hours will be held from 5 to 7 on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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

## Grove Cemetery

5136 South 100 East  
Bluffton, IN 46714

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

OCT 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lena J. Knowles*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 07, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ *Lena J. Knowles*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Knowles Family, Just a note to extend our deepest sympathy to your whole family. She was a very kind person, and I know she will be missed.*



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**Cindy Monticue** - October 09, 2018 at 04:18 AM

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“ I was so heartbroken to hear of Lena's passing. Lena was always such a sweet person! I will never forget the kindness she showed Edie and me when we visited on weekends many-many years ago. Still get cravings for "Lena's Tacos" and of course her Chocolate Chip Cookies were unprecedented! Funny the things that stick with you!

*My heart goes out to the family and all that loved her. Prayers for comfort during this difficult time.*

*Jennifer Scott Ellebracht  
Largo, Florida*

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**Jennifer Scott Ellebracht** - October 08, 2018 at 04:58 PM

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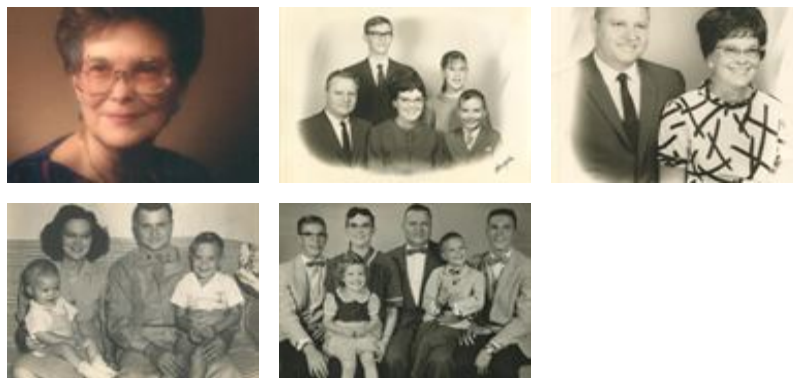
“ *mrs knowles you are the kindest woman i have ever known , i am so sorry for the pain i have caused you at times.please forgive me. i love you and i always will. love aljosja.*

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**aljosja ferredussel** - October 08, 2018 at 03:44 PM



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**Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home** - October 05, 2018 at 05:40 PM