



## Loretta "Frankie" Emshwiller

October 11, 1940 - August 31, 2010

Loretta "Frankie" Emshwiller 69 of Bluffton passed away at 4:05 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Frankie was born in Bluffton on October 11, 1940 to Russell Payne & Helen (Brinneman) Miller. She graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1958. She went on to study at the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing where she graduated in 1961 as a Registered Nurse. Frankie worked at the Caylor – Nickel Clinic for 31 years in the departments of Obstetrics, Surgery and Staff Development. For the last 10 years she has worked for Aging & In-Home Services. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, The American Red Cross and AORN Association and a past president of Tri Kappa Sorority. She also served as a Girl Scout Leader and on the board of the Panos Free Clinic along with the Bluffton Park Board.

On September 3, 1961 in Bluffton she married Joe Emshwiller and they shared the last 50 years together. She is survived by their children; Mrs. Don "Brenda" Stafford of West Chester, Ohio, John J. (wife Donna) Emshwiller of Bluffton and Mrs. Isaac K.G. "Patricia" Fokuo of Nairobi, Kenya, along with 8 grandchildren; Matthew, Douglas, Clayton and Coleman Stafford, Rachel & Lucas Emshwiller and Jayden & Simon Fokuo. Frankie is also survived by a sister Neenah Grove of Springfield, Ohio and a brother Randall B. Miller of Bluffton.

Friends are invited to visit with Frankie's family from 2 to 8 on Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. A Tri Kappa Memorial Service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the conclusion of calling hours. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 4, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church, with calling one hour prior to the service at the church. The Rev. Cindy Osgood and Ted Ellis will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Family Hospice & Palliative Care or to the First United Methodist Church. Friends can send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 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

SEP 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

SEP 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Loretta "Frankie" Emshwiller*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Loretta "Frankie" Emshwiller*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To the Husband & Family of Loretta, we would like to share our sympathy for your loss. John, you can be proud when we came to you at tax time and asked about your mother, you had such positive thing to say about her. You even told us you would not be working on a day when you mother had an appointment at the hospial. I told my wife, this is a man that has his priorities right. He put his mother before business. May God sustain and give you strength through your loss.##imported-begin##Steve & Sandy Foster##imported-end##*

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September 15, 2010 at 10:28 AM



“ Joe, may your find your many happy memories of Frankie and your life together give you comfort and joy for the time she spent with you and the family.

We regret not being able to make the trip to be with you physically, but were there spiritually. Love Ann###imported-begin##Ann Emshwiller Taylor###imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 10:18 PM



“ The Scouts & Parents of Troop 962 send their condolences to the family of Mrs. Emshwiller. Our prayers are with them.###imported-begin##Troop 962###imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 05:17 PM



“ Uncle Joe, Brenda, John and Patti, We wish we could be there in person to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Aunt Frankie was a special lady and will be remembered with love by everyone who knew her.###imported-begin##Deb and Mark Harris###imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Joe and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Loretta's passing. She was such a nice girl! She enriched and lightened the lives of everyone she met... she certainly enriched and lightened ours!! She fought a tough battle... and you were her reason to fight. But, she was tired. Now, she can rest. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ruth Sawyer, Sherry Sawyer & John Rash##imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 01:39 PM



“ Joe & Family  
Our prayers & thoughts are with you in your loss. Frankie will be remembered by everyone who's lives she touched in her many achievements and by family& friend's.##imported-begin##Olin & Shirley (Miller) Moeschberger##imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 01:05 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Garry & Kay White##imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ Joe & family,  
We're sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Steve & Cindy Kunkel##imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 07:01 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. She will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##Christi Reber##imported-end##

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September 03, 2010 at 09:20 PM



“ Our condolences to all Frankie's wonderful family as we remember her qualities of friendship, family and capable contributions wherever she touched. You are in our thoughts as you carry the legacy her gifts forward into new generations.##imported-begin##tom and maureen butler##imported-end##

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September 03, 2010 at 07:48 PM



“ Joe and John, I am deeply sorry for your families loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Laci Carroll##imported-begin##Laci Carroll##imported-end##

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September 03, 2010 at 12:32 PM



“ We want to express our deepest sympathy for your loss of Frankie! She was such a wonderful, kind, compassionate, and loving person. She will be missed greatly but hopefully it will help by keeping all of your memories close to your heart while you and your families are going through this difficult time. Mom was very sad that she is not able to pay her condolences in person, she hopes you will understand. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Love "Mar"##imported-begin##Marilyn Cobbum,Pam Hamilton, Brenda Fair and families##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 09:51 PM



“ Dear family, My thoughts are prayers are with you at this time. Frankie was my son's case worker at Aging and In Home Services. What a wonderful person. She had an inner light that shined of God's love. Frankie was always there for my son and I. My son had a stroke 4 years ago and passed away at the age of 19. Frankie came right up to the hospital and then came to the funeral. Her love for others was incredible. I know that when she walks through the pearly gates, my son will be standing there to greet her home. In my son's eyes there was no one like Frankie. We loved her so much. May Gods love shine on you and give you the strength to go on. With all of our love, Lori and Joshua Coleman###imported-begin###Lori Coleman###imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 09:39 PM



“ Dear Emshwiller family- I am so sorry to hear of Frankie's passing. I will always remember her as such a sweet & happy lady. Peace be with you....###imported-begin###Tonya (Black) Aerts###imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 09:28 PM



“ Joe,John,Patti and Brenda,so sorry for your loss,Frankie was a true saint I am honored to have known such a wonderful woman.You are all in my thoughts and prayers Marcia###imported-begin###Marcia Adams###imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 12:11 PM



“ I read of a person who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth  
and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth...  
and now only those who loved her  
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;  
the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...  
are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left.  
(You could be at "dash mid-range.")

If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real,  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,

*and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy's being read  
with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent your dash?*

*With deep sympathy,*

*Love,  
Toni & Neal###imported-begin##Toni & Neal Morris###imported-  
end##*

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September 02, 2010 at 10:11 AM



“*Joe, Brenda, John and Patti- I worked with your mom for many  
years at Aging and In Home Services. Frankie's love, caring and  
commitment to her family, friends, and clients was always apparent  
in everything she did for others. I will miss her friendship and  
wonderful sense of humor, but have to believe she is in a better  
place. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during  
this time. Love Tina###imported-begin##TINA BONEFF###imported-  
end##*

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September 02, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ Patti,

*I am so sorry for your family's loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Erin, Andy, Ben and Nicholas##imported-begin##Erin Phillips Horsley##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2010 at 07:42 AM



“ Joe, you have our sympathy at this difficult time. We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. God's Blessing to you and your family.##imported-begin##Wayne and Shirley Harnish##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 07:27 AM



“ Sweet Patti, thank you so much for sending word about your dear mom. I'll be sending much love and goodness your way these next days.  
Get a notebook and start writing. You tell such rich stories. Get it all down.  
You are everything your mother wanted you to be. Kisses to you and your wonderful family.  
I'm loving you.  
Jennie##imported-begin##Jennie and Todd Guelda##imported-end##

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September 01, 2010 at 08:37 PM



“ Joe,  
*Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family at this time.  
May God be with you every minute in the difficult days ahead.  
Jim & Sally Mittlestedt###imported-begin##Jim & Sally  
Mittlestedt###imported-end##*

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September 01, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ Joe,  
*I was so sorry to see that Frankie passed away. She fought so hard  
for so long, now she is at rest. May you and your family feel the  
comfort of the Holy Spirit at this difficult time. May God bless you.*

*Our love to you all,  
Jack & Diane Schwartz###imported-begin##Jack & Diane  
Schwartz###imported-end##*

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September 01, 2010 at 04:43 PM