



Lucile "Cile" (Downs) Dunphy

April 17, 1920 - June 16, 2012

Lucile "Cile" (Downs) Dunphy, 92, passed away at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2012 at River Terrace Estates.

She was born in Grove City, Pennsylvania on April 17, 1920 to Herbert Grant Downs and Hilda Adams (Faunce) Downs.

Lucile married Ray Dunphy on November 22, 1939 in Cortland, Ohio. Ray preceded her in death on August 26, 1999.

She graduated from Cortland High School in 1937. Lucile was a homemaker and had been a resident of Wells County since 1957. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she had served in the church choir and in the hand-bell choir. She was a member of Sounds of Hope and was a long time member and performer with the Towns of Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines Inc. She also performed with the Major Chord quartet for fifteen years.

Lucile is survived by two daughters, Doreen (Joe) Ayers of Bluffton, Indiana, Wendy (Mike) Graves of Greentown, Indiana, one daughter-in-law, Jean Dunphy of Colorado Springs, Colorado, one sister, Lela D. McCrea of Grand Junction, Colorado, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son,

Daniel L.S. Dunphy in May of 2008, and two brothers, Herbert M. Downs and Richard F. Downs.

Calling hours are 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to service Saturday at the church.

A service celebrating Lucile's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Service

JUN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lucile "Cile" (Downs) Dunphy*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lucile "Cile" (Downs) Dunphy*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Wendy and family,
Steve and I have so many lovely memories of your mom. Steve especially remembers her beautiful Austrian crystal neclace she loved to wear and being banished by Varner to the back of many a cathedral, only to sing a lovely solo.
I loved her constant smile and her hugs. I always felt very special to her, but I think everyone did. Thank you for sharing her all those years for Choir School and Sounds of Hope. She will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Deb Holdzkom##imported-end##*

July 03, 2012 at 06:43 PM



“ *Lucile and I roomed (along with 20 or so others) in Whitfield cottage at Epworth Forest for many years when we attended Epworth Forest Choir School. She was so much fun and she would receive loving, but "saucy" cards from her husband during the week which she would share with us so we could laugh and tease her. She could still sing like a bird even when she was in her 80's. She was a very dear person and I will always remember her as a special friend.##imported-begin##Betty Kelley##imported-end##*

June 25, 2012 at 08:01 PM



“ *Such wonderful memories of your folks and my folks chatting and laughing together.*

Missing them all. Feeling for your loss.

*warm hugs sent to strengthen you. Prayers for peace.
Susan and Larry Smith##imported-begin##Susan Geist
Smith##imported-end##*

June 20, 2012 at 02:23 PM



“ Dear family. We send our heartfelt sympathy to you in the passing of your dear mother. She spent many a summer at Epworth Forest Choir School and I accompanied her on the piano for many a vocal solo. Her voice was so crystal clear and she sang with so much grace and clarity. I have also been with your mother on several Sounds of Hope tours. I even sat next to her on one of our overnight flights to the Netherlands where the tours began. She always received such clever cards from your father while she was on the tours. She would share them with the tour members. We keep you in our prayers and are graced to have so many wonderful memories of your mother. God bless you.##imported-begin##Kirk and Rebecca (Chance) Carrington##imported-end##

June 19, 2012 at 08:56 PM



“ Lucille was a ray of sunshine and what a voice! I met her through Choir School and always admired the wonderful relationship she had with her husband. She is a gem and will be missed. What a wonderful legacy she has left for all!##imported-begin##Patrice Martin##imported-end##

June 19, 2012 at 05:51 PM



“ Wendy and family I am so sorry for your loss. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sheila (Coffield) Soto##imported-end##

June 18, 2012 at 05:48 PM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences in the passing of your Mother. I remember her from growing up in Bluffton and as far back as Poplar Grove School; she was a beautiful person, inside and out. The children of C. Robert & Jane Reusser(both deceased): Nancy Halstead, Carol Foltz, (Jim, deceased), John, Tim, Dave & Brian Reusser and Donna Penrod###imported-begin###Nancy Reusser Halstead###imported-end##

June 18, 2012 at 04:23 PM



“ To Cile's family:
Please accept my deepest sympathies. I knew Cile from singing in the Towns of Harmony/Sweet Adelines. She was the sweetest lady and always smiling. She will be greatly missed. I know she is now part of the best singing group ever.###imported-begin###Kim Bergman###imported-end##

June 18, 2012 at 09:03 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Lucile's passing.As an Epworth Forest Choir School member we renewed our friendship yearly. She was a lovely vibrant woman and I consider myself fortunate to have known her as we both celebrated the gift of song. My prayers will be with your family during this transition.Praying you through, JoEllyn Chadwick###imported-begin###JoEllyn Chadwick###imported-end##

June 18, 2012 at 12:12 AM



“ I have such fond memories of Lucille on our Sounds of Hope trip and at Choir School. She sang like a bird, light and beautiful. And it was such fun to spend time with her. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.

Blessings to you all, Jill##imported-begin##Jill Wood-Naatz##imported-end##

June 17, 2012 at 11:16 PM



“ We have fond memories for Lucille from both Choir School and Sounds or Hope. Our prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##David and Mary Ellen McCain##imported-end##

June 17, 2012 at 11:00 PM



“ When I think of the word lady, I think of your mom! What a wonderful person and role model! I will miss her so much but am sure she is singing in God's choir now!##imported-begin##Aimee Davis##imported-end##

June 17, 2012 at 03:54 PM



“ We will miss you. Lucille. I loved meeting you and working with you in WELls Co. Little Theater. You have a great family!##imported-begin##Vickie Kibellus##imported-end##

June 17, 2012 at 12:41 PM