



M. Roberta "Bertie" Lesh

March 9, 1921 - October 22, 2018

M. Roberta "Bertie" Lesh, 97 of Bluffton passed away on Monday evening, October 22, 2018, at Ossian Health & Rehab Center.

Roberta was born on March 9, 1921 in Muncie, Indiana to Ralph & Amelia (Gibson) Milligan. Bertie graduated from Rockcreek High School with the class of 1939. She worked at Caylor-Nickel in the Laboratory and Research department for many years. She was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where she played the church organ and piano for over 50 years. On January 27, 1946 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Roberta and Ray G. Lesh were married. They have shared the last 72 years of marriage together. In their later years, both Ray and Bertie ate at the Corner Depot daily, and enjoyed the chance to visit with others.

Survivors include her husband Ray of Bluffton and children; David E. (Robin) Lesh of Land of Lakes, FL, Linda (Bill) Schaefer of Greentown, IN, Bruce A. (Fran) Lesh of Bluffton and Kent M. (Kelli) Lesh of Bluffton, along with 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Bob (Barb) Milligan of Florida.

She is preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters; Helen Cloud and Virginia Winningham.

Funeral services will be held at 11 A.M. on Saturday, October 27, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Rev. Lyle Breeding will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 on Friday, October 26 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery in Wells County.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul Cemetery Association through the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Cemetery

1621 W. 300 N.
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of M. Roberta "Bertie" Lesh*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 26, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *M. Roberta "Bertie" Lesh*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sarry to hear of your lose allways in joyed see you all at conner depot to eat. Will keep you all i my prayers. God Bless Joseph Sumwalt jvsumwalt@citznet.com*

Joseph Sumwalt - October 29, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ *David, Linda, Bruce, and Kent, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a really sweet woman. I was blessed to have her as my aunt. Please tell your dad I am sorry for his loss.*
Bob Winningham

Bob Winningham - October 28, 2018 at 07:37 PM

SF

“ One of the nicest people I had the privilege of knowing. Roberta was a great friend and I enjoyed working with her for many years. Ray, you have my deepest sympathy.

Sherry Foltz

Sherry Foltz - October 27, 2018 at 02:34 PM

KL

“ My sincere thoughts and prayers are with the Lesh Family. From my first day as a teacher and than principal at Rockcreek, the Lesh Family became my friends. Our time of visits for coffee and dessert to our annual trip by train to Chicago, to having family members in my class, etc, all are great moments of remembering this precious lady and family.

Ken Lupp - October 26, 2018 at 12:56 PM

SG

“ One of the sweetest ladies I had the privilege to know. We worked together at the hospital for many years. Rest in peace and prayers for the family. Hecki



Sandy Graft - October 26, 2018 at 09:07 AM

PP

“ Peg Paxson lit a candle in memory of M. Roberta "Bertie" Lesh



Peg Paxson - October 25, 2018 at 10:10 PM

KW

“ *Kent and Suzi Johnson and Don and Leslie Wells purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of M. Roberta "Bertie" Lesh.*



Kent and Suzi Johnson and Don and Leslie Wells - October
25, 2018 at 05:56 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss.....I'll remember Roberta fondly. I regret that I won't be able to accompany Bob to Indiana for the services. She was a sweet, kind lady. May she rest in peace.



"You can shed tears that she is gone. Or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back. Or you can open you eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her. Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday. Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and be sad that she is gone. Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what she'd want - smile, open your eyes, love and go on." Anonymous

This poem was read at the Queen Mother's funeral years ago. A friend of mine shared it when my 98 year old mother recently passed away. It helped me and I pray it helps you.

You are in my thoughts and prayers, Barbara Milligan

Barbara Milligan - October 25, 2018 at 07:21 AM

DB

“ We are sorry for your loss. Ray we had a lot of good memories.. Keep the faith. Dave and Michelle Bowman

David and Michelle Bowman - October 24, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ 155 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 24, 2018 at 10:52 AM