



Maenette Watters

January 18, 1924 - May 16, 2016

Maenette Watters, 92 of Bluffton passed away at 8:15 a.m. on Monday (May 16, 2016) at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Maenette was born on January 18, 1924 in Wells County to Harry A. & Edith Gertrude (Grove) Johnson. A lifelong resident of Wells County, she graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1941 and worked as an Abstractor for the John W. Carnall Title Company in Bluffton for 20 years, retiring in 1976. Maenette was a long time member of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, the Wells County Historical Society and the Candlewick Club, a past member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, JIO Circle and the B.H.S. Alumni Association serving as the Board Treasure. She enjoyed spending her free time searching family history and doing genealogy.

On July 6, 1947 in Bluffton, Maenette and Earl L. "Bud" Watters were married. They shared 58 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on January 1, 2005.

She is survived by a son David E. (wife Anne) Watters of Albuquerque, New Mexico along with two granddaughters: Kristen (husband: Daniel) Sandoval of Albuquerque, N.M, Rebecca Watters and husband Joseph Kuipers of Kalamazoo, MI and two great-grandsons Gabriel & Roman Sandoval and a step-great-granddaughter Hazel VonMaur.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers; Thomas Richard Johnson and Donald K. Johnson and two sisters; Helen Jean Gilbert Lesh and Harriette Lucile Case.

A service to celebrate Maenette's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday (May 20, 2016) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Dr. Bryson E. "Gene" Bell will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the First Reformed Church, Christian Care Retirement Community or to Family Life Care of Berne. 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.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
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Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maenette Watters*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I worked with Maenette at Carnall and Sons the summer of 1972 when I was right out of high school. She trained me in researching and creating land abstracts. She was all business but was a delightful co-worker. I have warm memories of her. I wish you God's peace and comfort in the days ahead. Valerie Wilson Jackson, Ossian*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - May 22, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *David and family, you have our sympathy in the passing of your mother/grandmother. When I worked at the bank there was a time I went to Christian Care to do something for your mother and we had such a nice visit. Since I had worked with Helen Jean at Rexall's, stories came up about her also. I see you are retired from banking as I am also. May you have wonderful memories of your mother. Maybe we will see you at the 50th class reunion.*

Dan & Peggy Paxson

Peggy Paxson - May 20, 2016 at 08:56 AM

ES

“ David, you have my sympathy on the passing of your mother Maenette. I worked with her for years at John W Carnall & Sons. She helped teach me how to run records at the court house to do abstracting. Am now retired, live in Bluffton with my son and his wife. My other three children have all passed away. I don't know if you remember Kathy, my oldest daughter, who graduated with you. She died of cancer in 1998. I visited your mother about a month ago and we had a nice visit. She told me how you called her often and planned to come to see her on Memorial holiday. Again you have my sympathy. Love, Eunice Steffen

Eunice Steffen - May 19, 2016 at 08:50 PM

VJ

Eunice, I remember you well but certainly don't expect you to remember me. I worked at Carnall and Sons in the summer of 1972. I am so very sorry to hear of the tragedies you've had in your life. May God bless you. Valerie Wilson Jackson

Valerie Wilson Jackson - May 22, 2016 at 07:00 PM

NH

“ NANCY HALSTEAD lit a candle in memory of Maenette Watters



NANCY HALSTEAD - May 18, 2016 at 10:46 PM

NH

Dave and family,

Please accept my sincere condolences on your Mother's passing. May your love and memories of her comfort you at this time. Prayers and blessings to your family.

Nancy Reusser Halstead

NANCY HALSTEAD - May 18, 2016 at 10:49 PM

RD

“ *Dear David and Family,*

We are sorry to learn the news of Maenette's passing. We have so many great memories that began with Bud in Lion's Club. From there a continued friendship through so many years with birthday cards, letters and visits filled with laughter at Christian Care.

She loved and was so very proud of you all.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you as we are unable to attend.

Randy, Eleanor, Olivia, Renee and Mark Danielson

Randy Danielson - May 18, 2016 at 06:27 AM