



## Martha Ferne Holloway

April 20, 1923 - January 24, 2011

Martha Ferne Holloway, 87 of Bluffton passed away at 4:30 a.m. Monday, January 24, 2011 at Markle Health & Rehab Center in Markle, Indiana.

Ferne was born on April 20, 1923 in Wells County to Ralph & Pauline (Kean) Starr. She was a lifelong resident of Wells County and graduated from Chester Center High School with the class of 1941. On May 16, 1941 in Wells County she married Joe D. Holloway. They shared 40 years of marriage together before he preceded her in death on August 26, 1981. She was a homemaker and a devoted mother to her family. Ferne was elected Harrison Township Assessor in 1988 and served Harrison Township for 20 years before retiring in 2007. She was a active member in the Wells County Republican Women, where was honored as Wells County Republican Woman of the year in 2004. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Chester Center Night Clubbers. She also worked at the Parlor City Country Club.

Ferne is survived by her children; Sally Jo Tinkel of Fort Wayne, Sara Jane (husband Eric) Jarrett of Liberty Center, Dan (wife Rose) Anderson of Bluffton, Jenelle (Husband Fred) Webb of Fort Wayne, Jill (husband Kenneth) Ellenberger of Bluffton, Jim (Companion Jessie Hall) Holloway of Poneto, Jerri (husband Don) Lehman of Craigville, Jon (wife Carla) Holloway of Angola, Jeff Holloway of Bluffton, Jody (wife Jodi) Holloway of Bluffton and Jay (wife Marie) Holloway of Hartford City. Along with a sister Doris Miller of Kimmel,

Indiana and 41 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren.

Ferne is preceded in death by her husband Joe in 1981 and a son, Jack Holloway in 2000.

Friends are invited to visit with the Holloway family from 2 to 8 on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Service Celebrating Ferne's Life will be held at 10:30 on Friday, January 28, 2011 in the funeral home with calling 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Ferne's memory to Riley Children's Hospital, Angels on Stage or to Wells County Animal Shelter.

Friends may send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 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

JAN 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Ferne Holloway*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Martha Ferne Holloway*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Phil & Tina Baumgartner##imported-end##*

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January 30, 2011 at 06:44 PM



“ *We were sorry to read of your mother's passing (in the paper). She was quite a lady and a good mother. Diana's mom passed away last May at age 87 also, so we know what you are probably feeling. Love to all.##imported-begin##Rick and Diana Waters##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2011 at 05:00 PM



“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. FERNE WAS A VERY UNIQUE LADY. ANYONE MEETING HER COULD NOT WALK AWAY WITHOUT KNOWING THEY HAD JUST MET A SPECIAL LADY. MAY GOD GRANT YOU STRENGTH TO CARRY ON.##imported-begin##THE KATTES-CHARLENE, SKIP, ANGELA, ASHLEY, LOGAND AND LIAM##imported-end##

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January 28, 2011 at 01:06 PM



“ My sincere condolences. Grandma Honeybuns was wonderful to know and we will all miss her very much. She was a wonderful lady with a lot of stories to tell about how much she loved her family and how much you all meant to her. She was a true inspiration as a mother.##imported-begin##Shelly Raney##imported-end##

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January 28, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ To the family of Ferne Holloway Sorry about your mother but my Prayers are with you Norma King##imported-begin##Norma King##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 07:15 PM



“ Ferne & Joe were quite a couple, such a large family did not phase them a bit. My dad, Tom, worked with Joe at the Highway garage. Wanted to also thank Jody & Jodi for coming to the viewing of my husband last week, meant a lot to me. Peace be with her.##imported-begin##Peggy Davidson Dick##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 03:39 PM



“ Ferne was such a amazing Lady I Loved seeing her smile when I did her nails she made me feel special! What a wonderful Mother and Friend she was to everyone you have my Deepest Sympathy and Prayers. Rest in Peace Ferne Jolene##imported-begin##Jolene Gibbs##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ Just want you to know that we are thinking of you during the loss of your dear Mother, Ferne. We have many pleasant memories of her when we lived next to her on Elm Dr. Jerome has many fond memories of both of your parents expecially when he worked with your father at the Hwy Garage here in Bluffton. You have our sympathy and prayers, Jerome and Virginia Rauch##imported-begin##Jerome /Virginia Rauch##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ Fern was a very sweet lady, my sympathy to the Holloway family.##imported-begin##Teresa Moser##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 10:50 AM



“ Please accept my sympathies for the passing of your mother. Pat##imported-begin##Pat Bloomfield##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 07:47 AM



“ DearFamily, I have always been so pleased to have met Ferne a few years ago. I will miss not having her here but the wonderful memories live on.##imported-begin##Marie Starr##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 12:18 AM



“ We send our sympathy to the Holloway family. Many memories come to mind about our years in the Poneto area where we met and enjoyed knowing Joe, Fern, and the older children. We recently stopped at the home in Markle to see a friend of ours and were surprised to find that Fern was there. We will remember you in our prayers as you gather to say goodbye to your mother.##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy HAIFLICH##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ Extending our sympathy in the recent death of a great lady, your Mother, and so much to so many other people.

Martha Schmidt and Jean Ann Schmidt Pettigrew, Anderson, Indiana##imported-begin##Jean Ann Schmidt Pettigrew##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 07:16 PM



“ I was so sorry to read of your mother's passing. May you find peace in knowing she is in a better place, with your dad and Jack. I have many memories of her, and I know you all will cherish yours, too.

(Jody, Bill sends his sympathy to you, too.)

Fondly, Barb Overdeer##imported-begin##Barbara (Baker)  
Overdeer##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 06:53 PM



“ If roses grow in heaven, Lord, then pick a bunch for me. Place them in my grandma's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her that I love and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.

We love you Grandma and we'll miss you very much. We're lucky to have had you in our lives for as long as we did.##imported-begin##Heidi Skaggs##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 06:13 PM



“ Dear Jon and Carla,

I just heard about your mother. I am so sorry and I want you to know I am thinking of you and what you and your family must be going through right now. Please accept my condolences. I can only imagine how difficult this must be for you.

My thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time.

Mark##imported-begin##Mark Vitt##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ To the Holloway Family: I was so saddened to read the passing of Mrs. Holloway. The few times I had conversations with her, she was a very delightful lady with alot of compassion. My heart felt prayers go out to her family in their time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Ginger Bryan##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 02:13 PM



“ To The Holloway Family, Ferne was such a JOY to know. I would stop by and chat with her, occasionally at the Courthouse, and we could always find something to laugh about!The last time I stopped to pay Dog tax, we got to chatting so much that she forgot to give me the receipt, and a couple days later, I got it in the mail with a note. She was a jewel! God Bless you.##imported-begin##Marion & BJ Gray##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 12:24 PM



“ Our sympathy to the Holloway family! Has been many years since I have seen your Mother but remember her from my days at Liberty Center.##imported-begin##kenny & Sally Hannah##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 09:14 AM



“ jon and carla,

*we only hope that memories of your mom bring a smile to your face and warmth to your heart.*

*Roger and Donna Bir##imported-begin##Lt Col & Mrs. Roger Bir & Family##imported-end##*

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January 26, 2011 at 09:13 AM



“ I an sorry I will be out of town Thursday and Friday and unable to attend the services. My thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. I will always remember her setting in her little office in the basement of the Court House. And in passing always had time to say hi or just gab a bit.##imported-begin##Joel Hoehn##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 07:26 AM



“ I was sorry to read of your Mother's passing. Just last week I was trying to remember all the 12 children's names, you were on my mind. Joe and Ferne were one of the first families I came to know, other than family. Our prayers are with you now.##imported-begin##Cynthia (Biberstine) Hickey##imported-end##

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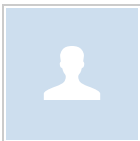
January 25, 2011 at 06:47 PM



“ Grandma Ferne was the matriarch of the Holloways. She had a lot of character, and was a strong woman. I am glad to have made memories together.##imported-begin##April Smith##imported-end##

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January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We're sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Please accept our condolences. We'll be keeping your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Rodney & Nola Rains##imported-end##

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January 24, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ *She was the only Grandma I had. She had a beautiful smile. She made lots of jokes and laughed at us. I will really miss her smile. Just remember the good times and the bad. You may have my shoulder to lean on. I will be your guardian Angel. Ten thousand Angels are looking over you. I will be lost without you. I am happy you do not have pain anymore. You will always be my grandma up there in heaven. I will try to make you proud. Sweet Angel at you side.##imported-begin##Angel Ellenberger##imported-end##*

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January 24, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ *Fern was my mother's roommate at Markle Health & Rehabilitation. I wish to extend my sympathy to her loved ones. Please take comfort in knowing that hers was a life well lived; she resides with the Father on high now & you will see her again. Blessings to you all.##imported-begin##Susan Schafer##imported-end##*

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January 24, 2011 at 04:05 PM



“ *Ferne was a very special lady and will be missed by many. My love and sympathy to you all.##imported-begin##Brenda Jackson##imported-end##*

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January 24, 2011 at 03:47 PM