



## Mary E. "Betty" Kephart

April 27, 1919 - May 15, 2017

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Kephart, 98, of Bluffton passed away on Monday morning, May 15, 2017, at Markle Health & Rehab Center.

Betty was born on April 27, 1919 in Pittsburgh, PA to Albert T. Eyler & Mary Belle (Dodson) Eyler. She graduated from Dormont High School in 1936 and from Bucknell University with an A.B. in Mathematics in 1940.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton and United Methodist Women. She was also active in the Foltz Reading Club, P.E.O., Psi Iota Xi, and served as the President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Indiana State Medical Association from 1968-1969.

On June 27, 1942 in Philadelphia, PA, Betty and Bruce Kephart were married. They shared 53 years together before he preceded her in death on October 15, 1995.

Betty is survived by her four children: Maryanne (Patrick) Michaels of Santa Rosa, CA, John Eyler Kephart of Bluffton, Patricia K. (Rex) Mahnensmith of Simsbury, CT and James Eyler (Susan Rivar) Kephart of Salem, OR. She is also survived by three grandchildren: Theo (Brian Roberts) Michaels, Mary Patricia (Grant) Gritzmacher and Mark Rex (Kelly) Mahnensmith, along with four great-grandchildren: Nathan & Adelaide Gritzmacher and Lydia & Corban Mahnensmith.

She is preceded in death by her brother Albert T. "Bert" Eyler, Jr.

A service to celebrate Betty's life will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday (May 18, 2017) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Steve

Bard will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, prior to the service. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Betty's memory to the First United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society, or to the Nature Conservancy. 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](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. "Betty" Kephart*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Wishing all of your family peace at the end of your sweet Mom's life. I remember her always smiling in church on Sunday morning, and her beautiful updo even back then. And of course I marvel that she and your dad birthed most of our Boomer generation in Bluffton - it takes two to survive such a demanding life! Well done, Betty.*

**Ann Hamilton Shields** - June 01, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ *I meet Betty in 1987 when she served as my mentor for my diaconal ministry process. Little did I know that 9 years later I would become her pastor not once but twice. Always enjoyed having conversation with Betty hearing her point of view. I hope you will all sense God's peace and presence during this time. Pastor Cindy Osgood.*

**Cindy Osgood** - May 19, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sending loving thoughts and prayers to you all. May you find comfort in knowing that Betty is at peace now! She will definitely be missed at Markle!!!*



**Beverly Durham** - May 18, 2017 at 04:53 AM

 Nancy Halstead

“ *May you find comfort in the wonderful memory and legacy of your mother!  
John, Tim, Dave and Brian Reusser*



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**Nancy Halstead** - May 17, 2017 at 04:25 PM

 Nancy Halstead

“ *May the love and memories of your mother sustain you through at this time. What a legacy for your family!  
The children of Bob and Jane Reusser:  
Nancy Halstead, Carol Foltz, donna Penrod*

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**Nancy Halstead** - May 17, 2017 at 04:24 PM

 Nancy Halstead

“ *Nancy Halstead lit a candle in memory of  
Mary E. "Betty" Kephart*



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**Nancy Halstead** - May 17, 2017 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Many Blessings, RJ Anderson and Ari DiBattista purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Mary E. "Betty" Kephart.*



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**Many Blessings, RJ Anderson and Ari DiBattista** - May 17, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. "Betty" Kephart.*



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May 17, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ *I only got to know Mary for a very short time but she was so lovely and had a beautiful smile!*

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**Opal Arnold** - May 15, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mary E. "Betty" Kephart.*



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May 15, 2017 at 06:33 PM