



Mary Ellis

December 4, 1917 - July 16, 2017

Mary Ellis, 99, passed away on July 16, 2017 at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Mary was born December 4, 1917 in Darke County, Ohio to Ernest and Lucy (Stout) Pinney. Her family moved to Mount Zion, Indiana in 1922.

She graduated in 1935 from Chester Center High School, receiving her bachelor's degree from Ball State in 1939 and her master's degree from Saint Francis in 1966.

She married Curtis O. ("Pete") Ellis on July 24, 1940. He died in 1964.

Mary taught Home Economics in several area schools and retired as guidance counselor at Norwell High School.

She is survived by her children: Jill (Ben) Baughan of Mechanicsville, Virginia and Ted (Marge) Ellis of Bluffton. She is also survived by grandchildren: Jamie (Josh) Abercrombie of Cornelius, North Carolina; Rebecca (Martin Dessart) Ellis of Vienna, Austria; and Andrew Ellis of Bluffton; two step-grandchildren: Melissa (Matt) Reiff of Bluffton and Scott (Whitney) Saucedo of Carmel, Indiana; and ten great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service for Mary will be held at 10:30 A.M. on

Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at the First Baptist Church in Bluffton. Pastor Les Cantrell will officiate. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the Turnaround Awards c/o The Wells County Foundation.

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

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry St.
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ellis*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 20, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ *Mary Ellis*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Ted & Marge and Family,*

*Just saw that your mother died very recently. Our condolences. She was a very special lady with a bubbly smile any time I was around her. What a long life she was blessed with.
Ed and Betty Gatke*

Betty Gatke - July 20, 2017 at 07:43 PM

GP

“ So sorry for your great loss Ted and Marge. Mary was my idea of a GREAT lady, always positive, had a fantastic laugh and gentle and loving to all.

I'll never forget her look, when you met her at the door, and took her home in the limo, after her cancer surgery. Pure joy.

You are in my prayers.

Glenna Plummer - July 19, 2017 at 10:19 AM

FF

“ From your National League of Cities Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mary Ellis.



From your National League of Cities Family - July 18, 2017 at 02:52 PM

RH

“ Mary was my 8th grade Home Economics. I can never remember when she did not have a smile on her face. She was a great teacher, person, and I will always remember her.

Rev. Brenda Haddix - July 18, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mary Ellis.



July 18, 2017 at 07:02 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Mary Ellis.*



July 17, 2017 at 08:59 PM

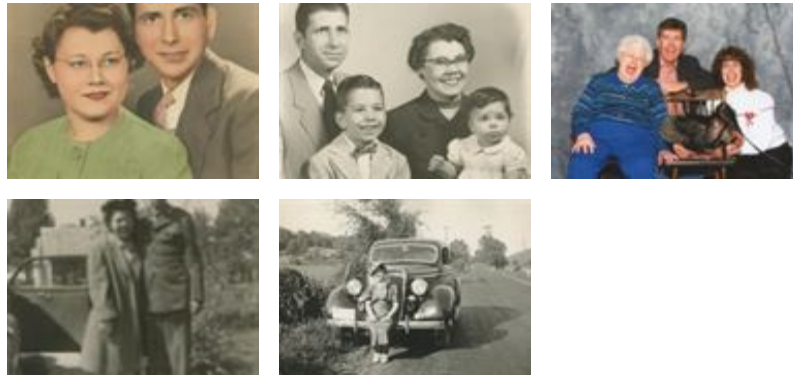


“ *Dear Jill and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and heart Much Love Brenda Dunn*

Brenda Dunn - July 17, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 17, 2017 at 05:07 PM

GH

“ Ted, Jill and family. Mrs. Ellis was my Home Ec teacher throughout high school at Lancaster Central. Mrs. Ellis taught us how to make square corners when making the bed, how to schedule the food prep so that everything was done at the same time (I often fail at this!!), how to set a proper table and so much more! Also, good nutrition and how to have a colorful plate with meat choice and vegetables. I sometimes look at my plate and think Mrs. Ellis would not like the lack of color on my plate!! It was in her class in 1963 that we learned President Kennedy had been shot and then that he had died. I don't remember what she said but I remember her handling it very well as I and I am sure others felt panic! I also remember one time her talking about Geritol! Not sure in what context but I think that it was not the the answer to feeling run down as the commercial said!!! LOL I remember her laugh and so much more. May your memories bring you comfort and peace in the days and weeks ahead. She will not be forgotten by those of us who knew her! God bless!

Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

Glennis Henly - July 17, 2017 at 04:15 PM

SL

“ Dear Ted & Jill,

I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a great teacher. She will be greatly missed.

Sandy (Newhard) Lorenz
Plantersville, Texas

Sandy Lorenz - July 17, 2017 at 12:28 PM

JG

“ We are sorry that you no longer have this lovely lady in your city, however she will always be with you in spirit. If you feel a tap on your shoulder as you go about your day, check immediately to be sure you that the current activity in which you are engaged is being done properly! We could all use this wise and lovely lady in our lives.

Steve and Jeanie Graves

Jean Graves - July 17, 2017 at 11:20 AM

RK

“ Ted & Margeand family,
I learned so much from your mom -- how to cook, sew, iron, make a bed! God's blessings on a life well-lived and peace and comfort to all of you. Ruthann & Gene Kyle

Ruthann Kyle - July 17, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Ellis.



July 17, 2017 at 09:58 AM

VJ

“ Jill and Ben, Ted and Marge and families, Thinking of you all and wishing you God's peace and comfort. It will be a different world without Mary. She and Pete were two of my favorite people ever. Wonderful memories. Much love. Valerie and the Wilson family

Valerie Wilson Jackson - July 17, 2017 at 09:39 AM

PC

“ *Mary Ellis is a beautiful lady of love, joy and wisdom. Her life expressed the love of Jesus in her home, church and community. It was our delight and pleasure to serve as one of her Pastors in the Bluffton Community. Ted and Jill, our love and prayers are with you in your time of grief and parting. Our Blessed Hope brings joy in knowing that in the future we will experience that great family reunion in heaven with Mary.*

Pastor Don & Middy Crellin

Pastor Don Crellin - July 17, 2017 at 07:52 AM

BP

“ *My sympathy to the Ellis family. I, too, was privileged to have Mrs. Ellis for my Home Ec teacher. I still remember how to walk across the room properly, still make my bed the way she taught us as well as setting the table, among other "important" lessons. :) Becky Gerber Pfister*

Becky Gerber Pfister - July 16, 2017 at 09:41 PM

SK

“ *She was always a delight to see with that beaming smile! Hugs and prayers to the Ellis family!*

Sue Kristek - July 16, 2017 at 08:31 PM

JF

“ *Jeannie Penrod Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellis*



Jeannie Penrod Flowers - July 16, 2017 at 05:57 PM

JF

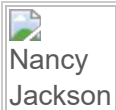
So sorry to hear of Mary's passing.....I remember her from our childhood days, growing up down the street from the Ellis family; then taking care of Mary when I worked at RTE. Mary was indeed a kind and loving person and will be greatly missed by many. My deepest sympathies to Ted and Jill and all the family for your deep loss.

Jeannie Penrod Flowers - July 16, 2017 at 06:00 PM

PA

Ted and family, thinking about you guys and praying for you during this time difficult time. Blessings Bud

Pastor Bud Abrams - July 16, 2017 at 10:32 PM



Nancy Jackson

Your family and the community have lost a wonderful person. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Jackson - July 17, 2017 at 06:27 AM



Johanna Allyn

All our love, Chaeli and Clay Baughan, and the Allyns. RIP

Johanna Allyn - July 17, 2017 at 07:13 AM

SF

*Dear Ted, Jill and family,
What a joy Mary was! She was my Home Ec. teacher and gave me my love of sewing. Mary taught so many of us many things that weren't even within the walls of a classroom. What a kind, loving, fun lady! May your memories bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time. Sandy Geist Funk*

Sandy Geist Funk - July 17, 2017 at 09:51 PM

LM

Dear Ted and Jill - my deepest sympathy for your loss. I have been remembering all the time we spent together - at your Mom's home, laughing and talking and learning..... And even back farther when I would ride my bike to Lancaster to have a 4-H work day when Mary was the leader, then when she was the guidance counselor at Norwell. Lots of memories the past few days. Wish I could have made it down to visit in person. Hope all is well with your families. Liz(ard) (Duncan) Martin

liz martin - July 20, 2017 at 02:53 PM

DH

Dear Ted and Jill,

What a wonderful legacy- 99 years and most of them spent inspiring others. God bless you as you mourn the loss of a very special lady.

Dan, Christine and Dorothy Hunt

Dan, Christine and Dorothy Hunt - July 31, 2017 at 12:47 PM