



## Mary Jane Elston

August 25, 1922 - November 15, 2016

Mary Jane (Cowens) Elston, (94 years) of Bluffton, Indiana died on November 15 at Heritage Pointe in Warren where she was a resident since 2013. Mrs. Elston was born August 25, 1922 in Bluffton to William Franklin and Nella (Fisher) Cowens. She was a 1940 graduate of Petroleum High School. She married Henry Elston on September 20, 1944 in Muncie.

Survivors include two daughters, Janet (Richard) Sheffer of Valparaiso, IN and Joyce (Marshall) Dantzler of Chantilly, VA; 3 grandchildren Donald (Nicole) Sheffer of Valparaiso, IN, Mark Dantzler of Carol Stream, IL, and Brian Dantzler of Morgantown, WV, and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Elston was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; two sisters Helen Elizabeth Nichols and Alice Ann Lash; and two brothers John Orville Cowens and Charles Robert Cowens.

Mrs. Elston was an original Caylor-Nickel Hospital staff member working in the hospital, laboratory and research lab. During World War II, she worked at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, CA. She was long time members of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton and the Crescent Chapter 25, Order of the Eastern Star.

Calling will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will be

conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday with Pastor Steve Bard and Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating at the funeral home. An Eastern Star Memorial Service will be held as part of the funeral service. Burial will be at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Mary Jane Elston's memory to The First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, Indiana.

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - November 18, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ *Mary Jane Elston*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To the family of Mary Elston, you have my sympathy. Mary was very kind to my mother(Phyllis Myers), my grandson Skylar and myself, the few times we went to visit her at the Heritage. She was especially fond of Skylar and would give him treats when we visited with her, and I regret that we did not visit with her more often as Skylar was really fond of her too.*

*John D. Myers  
Huntington, Indiana*

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**John Myers** - November 24, 2016 at 11:52 PM

RS

“ *Your mother was a beautiful and sweet woman, and we feel so fortunate that we had the chance to meet her. Nick fondly remembers chatting with her about basketball, and was so impressed with how much she knew. :) The photo tribute page is just lovely, and such a great testament to her wonderful life! Her legacy will live on through your families.*

*We are so sorry for your loss, and our thoughts are with you today. May your mother rest in eternal peace.*

*Love and hugs,*

*Ruth, Teks, Nick, Celine*

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**Ruth Sendrowski** - November 18, 2016 at 10:17 AM

DS

“ *Douig Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Elston*



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**Douig Sawyer** - November 17, 2016 at 06:20 PM

CS

“ *I have many wonderful memories of working with Mary Jane in the OB/GYN clinic at Caylor Nickel. She was a kind, caring and compassionate person. My condolences to her family.*



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**Cindy Story** - November 17, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Elston.*

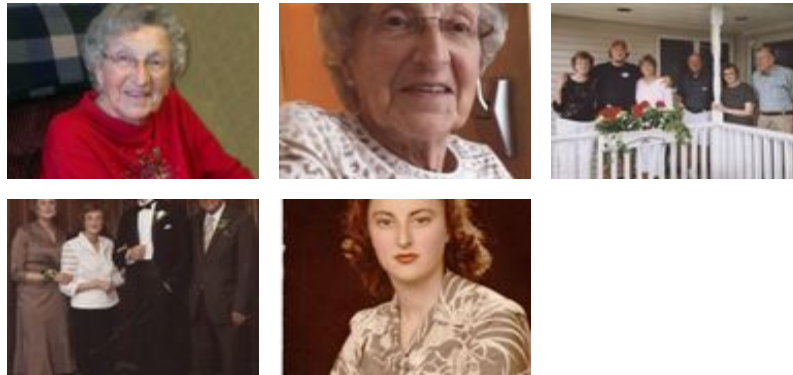


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November 17, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - November 16, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ *Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Elston*



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**Ken and Jeannie Flowers** - November 16, 2016 at 11:15 AM

BO

“ So sorry to read of Mary Jane's death. I remember her when I was growing up in the Petroleum area, although I was closer to Charlie in age! Our mom's were friends, and she and my mom were in Eastern Star together! Cherish your memories !  
Barbara (Baker) Overdeer


Barbara Overdeer - November 16, 2016 at 10:23 AM

CM

“ Joyce so sorry for your loss. You and Janet have my deepest sympathy. I have fond memories of playing at your home after school when you lived on Spring Street. May your memories bring you and Janet comfort in this time of sorrow.



Carol (Betz) Myers - November 16, 2016 at 09:35 AM

  
Shanna  
Newman

“ Truly a privilege and honor to have been one of her caretakers at Heritage Pointe. What a lovely lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Shanna Newman LPN

Shanna Newman - November 15, 2016 at 05:57 PM

MF

“ Mary Jane brought so much joy to my life and I know she's in a better place, but i will miss her terribly, going to work will be hard for a while! When she wasn't at her best, she still put you 1st. She was my "OLBF" Her daughters, Janet & Joyce and there family are wonderful people. So sorry for there loss! Mary Jane..will always have a place in my heart.

Michelle Fort - November 15, 2016 at 05:50 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jane brought so much joy to my life. She was such a giving and caring lady, when she wasn't at her best she still put you 1st..i will miss her more than words can say...she was my "OLBF" Janet & Joyce and family..they were like a 2nd family to me. I am truly blessed to have had/have them in my life!♥*

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**Michelle Fort** - November 15, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Elston.*



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November 15, 2016 at 11:03 AM