



## Mary E Sundling

April 18, 1925 - December 3, 2018

Mary E. Sundling, 93, of Bluffton passed away on Monday evening, December 3, 2018, at River Terrace Estates.

She was born on April 18, 1925 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to William Van de Lester & Edith (Dunning) Van de Lester. Mary earned her B.A of Science from Kalamazoo College and a Master of Science from the University of Michigan in Library Science. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton along with the Fultz Reading Club.

On September 2, 1949 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Mary and Lester O. Sundling were married. He preceded her in death on May 27, 2008.

Survivors include her children; Margaret "Peggy" (Michael) Oakley of Charlotte, N.C., Douglas A. Sundling of Bluffton, Thomas D. (Jennifer) Sundling of Thousand Oaks, CA, and Kurt W. (Leigh) Sundling of Fortville, IN. and 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The family will host an Open House to celebrate Mary's life from 1 to 4 P.M. on Saturday (December 8, 2018) at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or to the Donor's Choice.

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).

# Previous Events

## OPEN HOUSE

DEC 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
215 East Dustman Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E Sundling*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Peggy, Doug, Tom, and Kurt,*

*I am deeply sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother and mine grew up in Kalamazoo and had known each other most of their lives. Your mother was our den mother in cub scouts. I still remember the Christmas baked goods she would bring over to share every year. She was one of the sweetest and nicest people I've known. I know you must be heart broken and I wish you all all the peace and love possible.*

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**Ed Menso family** - December 31, 2018 at 04:17 PM

CJ

“ May God's love surround the Sundling family today.

*I am thinking of Mary today with a grateful heart that she was in mom's (Jane Evans) life as well as mine. Fond memories of a beautiful lady who many people at Citrus Grove Estates in FL looked forward to her Christmas parties with friendship, fun and great good. Our family enjoyed time with she and Les in FL as well as in Bluffton. Each time I visited Mom & Dad in Bluffton I would take some time to spend with your mom. Mary will always have a special place in my heart. I sorrow with you.*

*Romans 8:28 says " And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose". Heavens gates have opened for her and that brings great joy! God is holding Mary in his arms today. I have been blessed to know her. Connie Evans Johnston*

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**Connie Evans Johnston** - December 08, 2018 at 02:08 PM

CH

“ Dear Sundling Family,

*Dan and I were saddened to hear of Mary's passing. She was a gentle loving lady. Mary spent a lot of time with Dan's mother, Dorothy. It was sad when health issues began to dictate whether the girls would get to go out for dinner or not. They enjoyed their time together and Mary was very good to check in on Dorothy and report to me!!! I envision that they are having a lovely reunion. God bless your family during this difficult time.*



*Christine and Dan Hunt*

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**Christine and Dan Hunt** - December 06, 2018 at 09:28 PM

SF

“ Dear Sundling Family,  
I am heavy of heart to learn of Mary's passing. She was such a lovely lady! One of my fondest memories was when your mom went to her first OB check-up when they were expecting Kurt. She later told me how smug she felt that she'd gotten through her appointment without seeing anyone she knew! Then she went to the lab to have her prenatal blood work ~ and there I was! HIPPA wasn't "a thing" back then, but respect has always been in style! Then your dear mom sat with Bob Madsen and me during the last hour of my mom's time on earth ~ what a comfort she was. I pray for comfort and peace for all of you at this difficult time. I will be visiting my grandbabies, so I'll not be able to celebrate with you. With love, Sandy Geist Funk



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**Sandy Geist Funk** - December 05, 2018 at 06:54 PM