



## Mrs. Mona J. Highlen

August 18, 1932 - September 30, 2013

Mona J. Highlen, 81 of Bluffton passed away at 4:15 a.m. Monday, September 30, 2013 at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Mona was born on August 18, 1932 in Wells County to Victor V. & Grace G. (Lockwood) Mounsey. She graduated from Chester Center High School with the class of 1950. On August 18, 1951 in Liberty Center she married Roger D. Highlen. He preceded her in death in 1975. Mona lived most of her life in Allen and Wells County. She retired from K-Mart Distribution Center, working in the accounting department and working in the Corporate Head Quarters in Detroit. She retired in 1996 after 25 years of service.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Keenagers group, Women's Missionary Group and volunteered at the Bargain Hut and Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She was also a member of the Poplar Grove Home Demonstration Club and enjoyed reading and cooking.

Survivors include a daughter Cynthia "Cindy" (Gary) Bear of Ossian and a son Bradley "Brad" (Kim) Highlen of New Haven, along with five grandchildren; Kristen (John) Steed of Elgin, IL, Karla Tracy of Fort Wayne, Kevin (Kami) Bear of Bluffton, Brandon Highlen and Heather (Adam) Gebhart both of New Haven. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Jackson Bear, Bentley Bear, Ethan Steed and Quenton Bear.

Along with siblings; Marcella Egly of Warren, Dean ( Pat) Mounsey of Poneto, Vera Scott of Bluffton, Kay (Shirley) Mounsey of Warren, Brooks (Beverly) Mounsey of Bluffton, Phyllis (Mick) Ulmer of Bluffton, Karen Collum of Houston, Texas and Bill (Barbara) Mounsey of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother Max Mounsey.

Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday from 2 to 4 & 5 to 8 at the Thoma/ Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at the First Church of Christ with calling for one hour prior to the service. Pastor Larry Sprinkle & Pastor Gerald Moorland will officiate. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Memorials may be made in Mona's memory to the First Church of Christ.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.  
Ossian, IN 46777  
(260) 622-6526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Church of Christ  
909 W Spring St  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mona J. Highlen*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Mona J. Highlen*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To the Mounsey Family,  
I had the opportunity to get to know Mona Jean while working at the Bargain Hut. She always had a smile, and a good outlook on most everything. I didn't realize that I know many of her siblings, until reading about Mona's death in the newspaper. So sorry for your loss. All of the family members are in my thoughts and Prayers.  
BJ Gray*

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**BJ Gray** - October 05, 2013 at 01:04 PM

BB

“ *Brad and family,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers, especially today. Asking God to give you comfort and peace today and in the days ahead.  
Rick and Barb Blossom*

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**barb blossom** - October 03, 2013 at 10:16 AM

GH

“ *To Cindy, Brad and the Mounsey Family  
My first remembrance of Mona was when I was in grade school. She worked with my sister Frances (Schoeff) McIntosh in the Wells Co. Auditor's office. Very nice place to visit during Street Fair!! Have known throughout the years as a fun, loving and caring person! Remember going to Bloomington when I was in high school with Mona, Roger and Cindy to see my sister Frances when she was at IU. On Saturday afternoon we went to the football game. I remember Frances and Mona talking the whole time (surprise, surprise) and not paying much attention to the game!! Roger patiently explained the rules of football to Cindy and me! He was so patient!! Have enjoyed seeing Mona in the later years when she and Vera would be at places together. I worked with Vera and Phyllis at the Wells Community hospital so have kept touch with the Mounsey family through the years. I know the Mounsey families always had lots of fun through the years and may those precious memories bring you peace and comfort in the days, weeks and months to come! God Bless each one of you as you rest in the assurance that Mona touched many lives through her years and she is resting in God's peace today. Love to all.  
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

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**Glennis Henly** - October 03, 2013 at 07:55 AM

VJ

“ I worked with Mona at Kmart Distribution Center in Accounting from about 1981 through 1983. She helped train me on "month end" and had endless patience and was so kind. We maintained our friendship outside of work and in more recent years, she volunteered with Mom at the Bargain Hut and Mom thought the world of her, too.

*Sending our sympathy on the loss of a real gem. God bless you, Mona.*

*Valerie Wilson Jackson and Doris Ann Wilson*

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**Valerie Jackson** - October 02, 2013 at 08:18 PM

LE

“ Cindy, Brad, and your families - our thoughts and prayers are with you as we share in your loss .

*I have always loved Aunt Mona Jean, but I have really gotten to know her better these past 3 years though volunteering at Bargain Hut with her and my mother, playing cards with "the sisters" (they could play for hours and I love their gentle bantering), playing and learning on her computer, shopping with mom and her, taking outings with mom and her, but, most of all, just talking with her.*

*Aunt Mona Jean loved her family. She always had wonderful stories about her kids and grandchildren. She eagerly talked about her family trips to Chicago. She loved the many activities she had with her whole family.*

*Her gentle smile and compassion for others will be a memory I will hold dear. I believe that we all have been positively influenced by the path she has taken through our lives. I will miss her but I will hold these memories forever.*

*Linda (Scott) and Brian Eltzroth  
Brett, Neah, Mallory, and Callie Eltzroth  
Deidre (Eltzroth), Dan, and Graham Tracy*

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**Linda Eltzroth** - October 02, 2013 at 12:01 PM

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“ *What a beautiful soul Mona was. I've only known her a short few years, but in that time I never saw her without a smile. I volunteered with her at Bargain Hut and she was always very positive and helpful when I had questions and always interested in my life and kids. Im sure to those who are family to Mona will miss her tremendously and know I have you held high in prayer; praying he wraps his loving arms around you all and gives you peace comfort and strength to get through this time. He never makes a mistake! And although we will not get to have Mona with us anymore in vision, we will hold her near our hearts as she holds a special place in mine. May God be with you and Mona's smile will always shine on.*

*Sarah Heckber*

*"Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower,  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf;  
So Eden sank to grief.  
So dawn goes down to day,  
Nothing gold can stay"  
-Robert Frost*

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**Sarah Heckber** - October 02, 2013 at 06:46 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mona J. Highlen.*



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October 01, 2013 at 11:29 PM



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October 01, 2013 at 11:25 PM



“ *I am thinking of all of you and missing Aunt Mona Jean...I am so glad I was able to see her a couple of times in August when we were there...she always had something to say...not much sometimes...but something. She always came to see us when we were at Mom's. We love her very much and will miss her. Brad and Cindy and your families, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love,  
Gloria and Jim Huffman, Becky, Emma, Lili, and Geno, Nathan,  
Robin, Aiden and Faith*

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**Gloria Scott Huffman** - October 01, 2013 at 10:33 PM



“ *What a wonderful, sweet lady. She will be missed greatly. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Tim and Carla Baumgartner*

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**Carla** - October 01, 2013 at 08:45 AM

BM

“ It has been said that you are never really gone as long as you are remembered, and my precious sister-in-law will always be remembered. She is now with Roger and the memories are so precious that there are no words to convey what she meant to me. I was able to share with her last week that she is still in our will to raise our two children, Kimberly and Troy. She smiled and looked at our daughter, and as weak as she was she said, I don't think Kimmy needs me anymore....isn't she the age of Brad? We'll always be thankful for the memories and that we know we will be reunited with her when God calls us home. She is hearing now, "Well done thy faithful servant"....

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**Barb Mounsey** - October 01, 2013 at 08:42 AM

DF

“ Mona you were such an awesome lady. Anytime I came down to mow you always made me laugh. You were so outgoing. I loved when I would stop by and just chat even after I had mowed your yard already. I am going to miss you so much.

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**Dakota Flowers** - October 01, 2013 at 07:28 AM

TE

“ I am out of town this week and, therefore, won't get to see all of you. Mona Jean worked for my father in the courthouse from the time I was born until I was about 7...and she often got stuck entertaining me when I was running around the office. I have many fond memories of her. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a sweet lady. -Ted Ellis

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**Ted Ellis** - October 01, 2013 at 04:15 AM

CL

“ *RIP Mona.....you will be missed! Thank you for being such a good friend to Dakota.....he is going to miss you.*



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**Crystal (Flowers) Loshe** - September 30, 2013 at 09:00 PM