



Phyllis E. Biberstine

January 4, 1929 - July 9, 2021

Phyllis E. Biberstine, 92 of Bluffton, passed away Friday, July 9, 2021 at River Terrace in Bluffton.

Phyllis was born on January 4, 1929, in Faribault, Minnesota to Victor and Alice (Johnson) Jensen. She graduated from Faribault High School in 1946 and from Northwest Institute of Technology in 1947. Phyllis was a lifelong member of the First English Lutheran Church of Faribault, MN, and the Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton. She worked for many years as a Medical Technologist at the Wells Community Hospital. She was also a past president of Psi Iota Xi.

Phyllis Elaine (Jensen) and V. Ted Biberstine were married on October 2, 1949 in Faribault, Minnesota. They were married for 71 years. Ted preceded her in death in October of 2020.

Phyllis, with Ted, enjoyed spending time fishing, traveling on their motorcycle, and in the woodworking shop. Walking the River Greenway or in the state park hand in hand with Ted will be a lasting image for many. She is renowned for her baking skills, and many will miss her cookies, as well as her apple and lemon meringue pies. Her true calling was to be a wife, mother, and grandmother, gently helping when needed and supporting all through events big and small. Her kind nature and her ever welcoming and accepting presence created space for everyone in her family's life to think of and refer to her as "mom" or "grandma." She leaves behind more children and grandchildren than she may legally claim.

Survivors include her children; V. Ked (Terry) Biberstine of Uniondale, Scott (Debbie) Biberstine of Bluffton, Kris (Dave) Troxel of Fremont, Tim (Jeannie) Biberstine of Bluffton, and Cliff (Sandy) Biberstine of Bluffton.

Phyllis was a proud Grandmother to 8 grandchildren; Ashley Biberstine, Zachary (Kimberley) Biberstine, Quinn (Joe VanZant) Biberstine, Clint (Juniper) Troxel, Blake (Nike) Troxel, Alex (Joy) Troxel, Jessica (Jacob) Meeks, Brittany (Drew) Kellogg and 13 great-grandchildren; Ember Biberstine, Sam Grubisich, Liam Grubisich, James VanZant, Henry VanZant, Sage Troxel, Rowan Troxel, Tayo Troxel, Kaylee Meeks, Carter Meeks, Cora Meeks, Tripp Kellogg and Piper Kellogg.

She is also survived by 2 sisters-in-law, BeBe Jensen of Faribault, MN and Doris (Biberstine) Woodward of Warsaw.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Casey A. Biberstine, a brother, Gaylen Jensen and a sister, Lois Anderson.

Private family services will be held with burial at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Phyllis's memory to The River Greenway, payable to the Wells County Foundation, or The Friends of the State Park and should be sent to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Biberstine 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/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis E. Biberstine*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 13, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Phyllis E. Biberstine*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *195 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 20, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ Although I did not know Phyllis or Ted, I would often see them walking the Greenway or in the State Park holding hands and I always smiled when I saw this and just thought... what a lovely and loving couple!

Vicki Cale - July 16, 2021 at 08:56 AM

BC

“ Dear Biberstien Family so very Sorry to hear about your Beautiful Mom! Such a sweet soul inside and out! Always enjoyed talking to Mom and Dad on the River Green Way! The Nicest and Sweetest people ever! Now Mom and Dad are together again! God Bless the Biberstien Family! Prayers for all of your Family! 🙏 Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - July 15, 2021 at 05:25 PM

SE

“ My mother is at River Terrace Health Center so we were saddened that Phyllis passed away. A life to truly celebrate. What a "special" lady. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers. Sharon Espich

Sharon Espich - July 15, 2021 at 03:24 PM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss. What a Great Lady and Family! Love and Prayers!

Boni Frauhiger - July 14, 2021 at 12:06 PM

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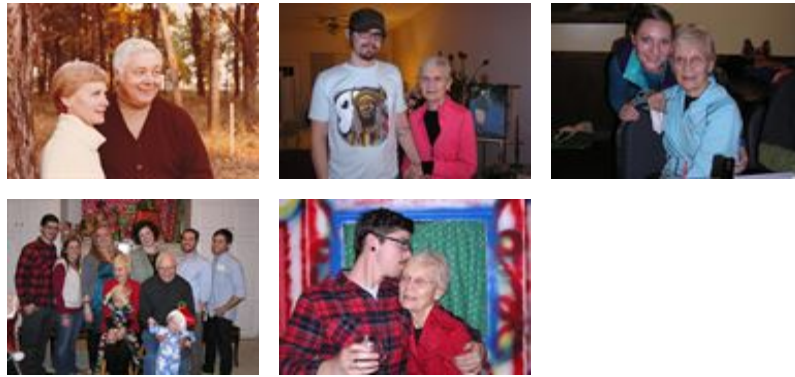
“ Prayers to all of you at this time. Phyllis was a great lady. I know your hearts are heavy and my prayers are for healing.
Debi Smith



deb smith - July 13, 2021 at 05:51 PM



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Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - July 13, 2021 at 03:24 PM



It was an honor to part of there life.... they had a deep love for each other I seen every visit..... prayers... Anna Couch

Anna Couch - July 14, 2021 at 08:17 AM

ST

“ Going to visit Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Ted was always the highlight of our trip back to Bluffton. Wether it was special treats, playing the slot machine, swimming, feeding the cat fish, or having a catching up conversation I always felt so welcome. I will miss her dearly.

Stephanie Taylor - July 12, 2021 at 01:59 PM

GW

“ *Phyllis was a neat, special lady! She was so kind and supportive. I remember the hip clothing she sewed for Kris Ann in grade school. Gary enjoyed playing at the Biberstine house and the various antics there. Our sympathy to the family. May your memories be sweet.*

Gary and Terri Worden - July 12, 2021 at 12:02 PM

GH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Phyllis was a special lady and always friendly when one would see her out and about. She was working at Wells Community Hospital when I started there in high school. Was nice to see someone I already knew! May you be blessed with special memories to bring a smile and comfort. Will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.*
God Bless,
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

Glennis Henly - July 12, 2021 at 11:43 AM

BB

“ *so sorry for your lost, Phyllis was like a second mother when growing up, and i have many special memories...prayers for all the family*

Bill Byerly

Bill Byerly - July 12, 2021 at 06:16 AM

JW

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Phyllis was a very special person. She and Ted will be remembered always. Sympathy and prayers.*
Judy and Terry

Judy Werling - July 11, 2021 at 01:44 PM

CS

“ *Cherished memories from decades past.
Gentle rest after a grand journey.*
- *Chuck Sturgis*

Chuck Sturgis - July 10, 2021 at 10:05 PM