



Roberta "Bert" Jean Arnold

January 20, 1924 - June 30, 2025

Roberta "Bert" Jean Arnold, 101 of Bluffton passed away on Monday morning, June 30, 2025, at River Terrace Estates.

Roberta was born on January 20, 1924, on the family farm in Liberty Center to Hiram "Hi" and Grace (Moyer) Garton. She graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1942. On March 10, 1945, Roberta and Robert R. Arnold were married at the Liberty Center Methodist Church. They shared 41 years of marriage together, working on the farm, until Bob preceded her in death on December 12, 1986. Roberta was always willing to do whatever was needed to get things done on the farm, from milking cows and providing meals to driving the tractor and mowing the grass.

Roberta was a lifelong Wells County resident and lifetime member of the former Liberty Center Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and helped in the kitchen. She was a very active supporter of the Southern Wells F.F.A. program and the Wells County 4-H program.

After sponsoring a trophy for the Wells County 4-H program, a simple thank you card from the recipient, Hanna (Josh) Thacker, grew into a 21-year pen pal, and Roberta considered Hanna a dear and special granddaughter.

Survivors include her two sons, Jerry L. (Tammy A.) Arnold and Terry E. (Vickie L.) Arnold, all of Bluffton. She was a loving "Grandma Bertie" to 5 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren with 2 more on the way, along with Step-great-grandchildren and step-great-great-grandchildren.

Roberta loved being around young people. Over the years, she has opened her heart and her kitchen to her family and many of the grandchildren's friends. They all still refer to her as Grandma Bertie and many were fed homecooked meals at her kitchen table!

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bob and her siblings; twin sisters Bernice Garton and Beatrice Grove, Josephine Barnell, Maxine Harter, William Garton, Wayne Garton and Don Garton.

Roberta was taken to her home church for the first time as an infant, and 101 years later, her family will take her back one more time to celebrate her life! Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M., Monday (July 7, 2025) at the Liberty Center Community Church with her nephew, Tony Garton officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will take place from 12 Noon to 5 P.M. on Sunday (July 6, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to Liberty Center Community Church, Wells County 4-H Program or to the Southern Wells F.F.A. Program and can be directed through the funeral home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Liberty Center Community Church
2905 South Main Street
Liberty Center, IN 46766

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Liberty Center Community Church
2905 South Main Street
Liberty Center, IN 46766

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roberta "Bert" Jean Arnold*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 06, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AF

“ *All our Love, The Pearson Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roberta "Bert" Jean Arnold.*



All our Love, The Pearson Family - July 05, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ *73 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 05, 2025 at 01:29 PM

BR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



brian - July 04, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ 80 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 02, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ What a very special lady. I met her just a few years ago when she went with my sister, Sue Harris, & I to the Van Wert County Fair Harness Racing event. Roberta knew everything there was to know about Harness Racing since she & her husband were very involved in the sport for several years. We had fun at Arnold's Drive-In restaurant before going to the fair & had our picture taken with a cardboard Elvis! 😊



Sharon Woods - July 02, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ My sincere sympathy and prayers for sweet Roberta's family. 101 my what a wonderful life she's had. Everything I have heard she was a wonderful soul, as my brother Perry always said "she's a dandy" ☐



Barbara Miller Holm - July 02, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ Tanya & Howard McCormick and families purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Roberta "Bert" Jean Arnold.



Tanya & Howard McCormick and families - July 01, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberta "Bert" Jean Arnold.



July 01, 2025 at 01:39 PM

SJ

“ Did not know Roberta well, but she always made me feel like I was a friend of hers whenever I saw or talked to her. Thoughts and Prayers to the Arnold family.

Sara Johnson - July 01, 2025 at 08:17 AM

BC

“ Dear Jerry and Terry and Arnold Family, I am so very sad to hear about my Dear Special Friend Roberta “Arnie” Arnold! I always enjoyed calling her that name and always will remember her as that! Such a very sweet Soul inside and out! It was such a honor to have seen her and helped her at the BRMC hospital. She was such a pleasure being around! I am pretty sure Heaven has gained an Angel in Roberta! And being related to Tony Garton was a Blessing also! All our Prayers are with u and the Arnold Family as u all Grieve for her loss! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 We will be thinking of all of u in the days, weeks, months, to come! God Bless the Arnold Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - July 01, 2025 at 08:03 AM