



Ruth Maxine Hedges

April 24, 1920 - January 20, 2017

Ruth Maxine Hedges, 96, of Bluffton passed away at 10:50 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2017, at her residence at Christian Care Retirement Community. Ruth was born on April 24, 1920 to Arthur C. & Effa B. (Smith) Hedges. She spent most of her life working at the Vogue Dress Shop. She will be remembered for always being all dressed up with coordinating jewelry. She also worked at the telephone office in Bluffton doing secretarial work, along with working at the Culver Glove Company. Ruth was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Bluffton and also attended Prairie United Methodist Church in rural Bluffton. She was an excellent pianist. She played for church and for her friends at Christian Care. She always had a love for music.

Ruth was the mother of two sons; Don (Debbie) Bowman and Ron (JoAnne) Bowman, both of Bluffton along with a granddaughter, Lisa Bowman. She is also survived by two nephews; Rex (Karen) Athan of Irvine, CA., Don (Linda) Athan of Bluffton and a niece Mary Ann (Ronald) Smith of Tecumseh, MI. She is preceded in death by two sisters; Mary Erhart & Eunice Athan.

A service to Celebrate Ruth's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday (January 25, 2017) at The Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Tony Garton will officiate. Burial will follow at Bethel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Epworth United Methodist Church or to the Golden Apple at Christian Care. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, with calling for one hour prior to the service.

Ruth's 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.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Church Cemetery

4500 East 300 South
Bluffton, IN 46714

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
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Service

JAN 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Maxine Hedges*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 24, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *Ruth Maxine Hedges*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *My Mom and Dad were good friends of Ruth. We camped together for years. Ruth was the best dressed camper! She and my Mom spent hours together as friends. You were such a classy lady Ruth. Laura (Aschliman) Barley*

Laura Barley - May 09, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Ruth was my father's (Earl Hedges) first cousin. I always remember her as such an elegant lady and so friendly at the Hedges reunions my family attended every summer when I was a girl. Of all the relatives, she was a particular favorite of my mother's. We mourn her passing and are relieved it was peaceful. Vivien Hedges Sparacino*

Vivien Sparacino - January 29, 2017 at 10:40 AM

DC

“ *My condolences to the family. Ruth was a beautiful person. I played bunco with Ruth, Mary, and Eunice for many years with my sister and mother. We shared some great times. Doris Brinneman Chartier*

Doris Brinneman Chartier - January 26, 2017 at 10:09 AM

EG

“ *I offer my condolences to the family for their loss Regards, EARL GASS*

EARL GASS - January 25, 2017 at 09:45 PM

JD

“ *Ruth and my mom, Louise Gass Daniels worked together at the Vogue while I was in school. She always had a smile on her face and a friendly greeting. My mom and her were good friends. She will be missed. John Daniels*

John Daniels - January 24, 2017 at 03:44 PM

JF

“ *Janet Hedges Farmer lit a candle in memory of Ruth Maxine Hedges*



Janet Hedges Farmer - January 24, 2017 at 10:55 AM

KF

“ *Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Ruth Maxine Hedges*



Ken and Jeannie Flowers - January 23, 2017 at 06:11 PM

DA

“ *I have so many fond memories of Ruth from when she worked at The Vogue. She was such a sweet lady. Sending prayers to the family.*

Doreen Dunphy Ayers - January 23, 2017 at 05:49 PM

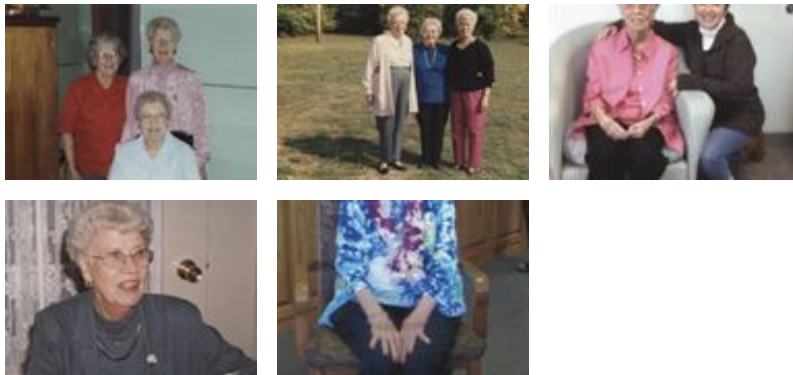
 Cindy Stidham-Petty

“ *She was a very loving lady with a great sense of humor and always dressed immaculately. I'm honored to have been able to know her.*

Cindy Stidham- Petty - January 23, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 23, 2017 at 12:50 PM

GH

“ Remember Ruth from the Vogue and Epworth Church. She was always dressed to the "T" and so classy. In later years as I would visit Epworth or see her in a store she was always so friendly. She is at peace and healed. May God Bless you with beautiful memories that will bring a smile, peace and comfort!
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

Glennis Henly - January 23, 2017 at 12:21 PM

DC

“ Ruth was a very kind and classy lady. I always enjoyed being in her company. Mark and I send our condolences to all of you. Mark and Deb Clark

Deb Clark - January 23, 2017 at 12:01 PM