



## Frances L. Ping

December 14, 1931 - March 13, 2022

Frances Lu (Kelley) Ping (90) passed to her heavenly home on Sunday, March 13, 2022. As she had wanted, she was surrounded by family at her Mechanicsburg home. Frances is a life-long resident of Boone County, the daughter of the late Guy C and Leona Kelley.

She was married to Hubert C. Ping for 54 years and they raised 2 children before he passed away in 2001. Frances was an active member of First Community Church for many years, where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and led ladies' and children's ministries. In later years she attended Antioch Church near her home.

A constant volunteer for her church and community, she was a founder of the Boone County Ladies Retreat and hosted this event at her farm on several occasions. She was also active in Scouting as a "den mother" for the boys, and a troop leader for the Brownies and Girl Scouts in the 1950s and 60s. She served with many local charities and one year was chosen, with her husband, as volunteers of the year. Frances and her family built the Crown of Thorns Christian Camp on their farm near Mechanicsburg in the 1970s. The camp hosted many Christian groups, Bible schools and youth camps, and wonderful Gospel concerts over its 20+ years of operation. The camp never charged a fee for groups but ran on donations only. Many local people will remember special times at the camp which included engagements and even a wedding.

She also worked in the eyecare industry in offices in Lebanon and Indianapolis for many years. After retiring from full-time employment, she accepted a position as Co-Regional Director for Habitat for Humanity International with her husband. They worked with communities in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio to start new local HFH affiliate groups, train volunteers, and build homes with chosen families.

Even when vacationing they would frequently include HFH work trips. They were part of, or led teams to, Haiti, Nicaragua, Florida, Mississippi, and Kentucky. While vacationing in Hawaii they looked up the local affiliate and volunteered for a day on its job site and enjoyed a real Hawaiian luau with that group. They acquired many new friends in all of their travels.

In 2002, Frances completed a life-long dream when she and her niece, Margaret Kelley, traveled to Epinal, France, to visit the grave of her brother, Raymond Kelly, who was killed in World War II. He was buried at the American cemetery there. The trip also included stops in several other European countries.

Frances was “Grammy” to her biological family along with many others she lovingly “adopted” into an extended family of loved ones. Hosting visitors from around the world in her home and through her various travels she had friends everywhere she went. She shared her deep faith in God with all she met. She loved her family and especially enjoyed her great-great grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter Cindy (Greg) Holmes; daughter-in-law Sandra Ping; grandchildren Mandy & Robin Stillwell, Thorntown; Aaron & Heather Ping, Lebanon; Jason Holmes & fiancé Wendy West of Lebanon; and Eric Ping, Lebanon. Great-grandchildren Tamandra & Justin Rose, Thorntown; Austin Ping, Las Vegas, NV; Elise Holmes, Lebanon; Kallie Leib, Lebanon;

Cody Holmes, Lebanon; Katy Stillwell, Thorntown; Erika Ping, Lebanon; and great-great grandchildren Anna and Vincent Rose, Thorntown; one sister, Mary Sedwick, of Westfield and many, many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family all over the U.S.

Preceding her in death, besides her husband Hubert Ping and her parents, were her son, H. Russell (Rusty) Ping, and 3 brothers, Delmar Kelley, Raymond Kelley, Floyd Kelley.

Funeral Services are planned for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 12:00 noon until the time of services. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Globe International/Haneys, P.O. Box 3040, Pensacola, FL 32516; Indiana Dream Team, Inc., P.O. Box 1955, Martinsville, IN 46151; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances L. Ping*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *The the family of Fran-  
I am so sad to hear that Fran has passed away. I met Fran when I  
joined the Boone County Ladies Retreat Committee in 1990. I  
enjoyed working with her on the committee. She was an  
inspirational woman and a woman of great faith who lived out her  
faith in all that she did. She set a wonderful example to all who met  
her!` I will always remember her fondly.  
With sympathy,  
Linda Fahrenbach*

Linda Fahrenbach - March 17, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *She was a great lady. enjoyed attending church with her. She is  
missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.  
Brian and Shana Irwin*

Shana Irwin - March 17, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Home Sweet Home Homecaregiver,Llc. Maria  
purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for  
the family of Frances L. Ping.*



Home Sweet Home Homecaregiver,Llc. Maria - March 17,  
2022 at 02:04 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Frances L. Ping.



March 16, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ Michelle Kelley Jackman lit a candle in memory of Frances L. Ping



Michelle Kelley Jackman - March 15, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ Cindy, Sandy and Family,

*Although I am sad after learning of Frances' passing, I rejoice with you knowing that she has been welcomed to her heavenly home and she and Hubert for eternity!*

*I met your family when I moved to Lebanon in 1964 and I was welcomed to First Congressional Christian Church. As you know your parents were an important part of my growing up years. They were wonderful people who always made everyone feel special and welcomed.*

*Yes I will miss her, but I will carry my love for her in my heart. God bless you all 🙏❤️*

Barb Shumate Hendry - March 15, 2022 at 10:51 AM

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*To all of the family: Fran was a lovely Christian who left many memories in our hearts. She along with Hubert were always a part of our Lebanon life and so blessed that we knew her, Hubert & all of you. What a shining example of love!*

*Maggie & Rod Waltman*

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**Maggie Waltman** - March 19, 2022 at 08:33 PM