



Laura Dell Couchman

June 17, 1930 - February 16, 2018

Laura Dell Couchman, 87, passed away peacefully at her home in Lebanon, Indiana, on Friday, February 16, 2018. She was born in Lebanon on June 17, 1930, a daughter of the late Meveral and Alma Boone (Padgett) Thistlethwaite.

Raised in Boone County, Laura Dell attended several schools including Thompson, a one-room schoolhouse, Advance schools, and Lebanon High School where she was a graduate.

On July 24, 1948, she was married to James Edward Couchman in Converse, Indiana. He preceded her in death on February 4, 1975.

From 1967–1977, she worked in the cafeteria as a cook for Lebanon High School. In addition, she was a janitor and night clerk for Witham Memorial Hospital, retiring in 2002.

Laura Dell was a faithful member of Centenary United Methodist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher and on various committees through the years, as well as, an active member of TOPS. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and homemaker. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, making crafts, and baking for her family and friends. For many years, Laura Dell made the bread for the communion table at Centenary

and served as a cook at Camp Allendale in Trafalgar, Indiana.

Survivors include:

Two Sons:

Calvin Edward Couchman – Lebanon, Indiana

Lloyd Allen (Carole) Couchman – Lebanon, Indiana

Four Grandchildren:

James Travis Couchman

Paul Ryan (Stephanie) Couchman

Staci Jo Couchman

Jennifer Lynn (Merle) Trent

Five Great Grandchildren:

Austin Jenkins

Irene Jenkins

Danielle Trent

Shawn Trent

Caitlyn Trent

And one on the way

In addition to her parents and her husband, Laura Dell was preceded in death by a brother, Earl Thistlethwaite and his wife, Shirley; a sister, Leah Galvin and her husband, James; and a granddaughter, Tracy Dawn Couchman.

Funeral Services are planned for 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 23, 2018, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana, with Rev. Richard Burdett, officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home in Lebanon.

Interment will follow services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Boone County Cancer Society, 117 West Elm Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 or to the American Lung Association, 115 W Washington St #1180-South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Dell Couchman*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *I have just learned of your mother's passing, Calvin. I am so sorry. I know how much you loved her.*

Rhonda Molden - November 11, 2019 at 01:04 AM



“ *I send my condolences to Calvin in remembrance of his mother. I recall her kindness when I was a child at Centenary Methodist Church, and know that she was a support in the Lebanon community to many.*

Christine Evans Page

Christine Page - June 14, 2018 at 06:17 AM

MB

“*Laura Dell was one of the sweetest, kindest ladies I've ever known, and I was sorry to read of her passing. Through the years we got to know each other via her generosity with her "corner lot" for political signs (for whomever I was trying to help), and I'd seldom get away from thanking her without a "gift" of something delicious she had just baked. As it turned out she had known my wife, Sande, when she was a young girl and singing for the Eastern Star. Laura Dell never failed to compliment her singing voice from many years earlier, and decided they were even vaguely related because of her Padgett heritage and the fact that Sande's mother (Crystal Greene) had been a Padgett. I wasn't able to get to the funeral home, but I still wanted to leave fond memories of her for the family to know how much she will be missed.*

Sincerely, Mike Burns

Michael Eugene Burns - February 23, 2018 at 05:26 AM



“*Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Laura Dell Couchman.*



February 22, 2018 at 07:52 PM

VB

“*Laura Dell was such a wonderful lady. I will always smile when remembering her. She loved her family so much. I wish all of the family peace in this difficult time, but also know that she has been reunited with her cherished ones who have gone before her. God bless you all.*

Victoria Bailey



Victoria Lynn Bailey - February 22, 2018 at 04:50 PM

KH

I met Laura Dell through my aunt, Shirley Johnson, her neighbor and fellow cook for Lebanon Community Schools. She was always nice to us and had special treats when we were visiting. My favorite were her homemade caramels she made at Halloween for the kids she knew. I worked with Calvin at Lau when I was older and told him this story one day. In true Laura Dell fashion he came to work that Halloween with a bag full of those caramels. Rest In Peace sweet lady. Calvin, I am sorry for your loss. I hope this story and others you will hear will help ease your pain in this trying time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Hedges

Kathy Hedges - February 22, 2018 at 11:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Laura Dell Couchman.



February 22, 2018 at 01:03 PM

AR

“ Calvin I am so sorry about your Mother . I know from what you said that your Mother was a great cook, and loved making crafts, picking raspberries when she could. It would have been a blessing to have gotten to meet her. She is in Heaven now with the other family and she is happy .So when you cry for her let it be happy tears knowing that because I think that is what she would want. If you need me let me know. God Bless each of you .



Angel R. - February 21, 2018 at 04:19 PM

CC

Thank you for your kind words about mom. She loved going out and picki ng black raspberries and making jelly to share with people. We even picked them and give them away. Mom loved cooking and baking and got that gift for her mother. Both were very good cooks, and i picked up a few "tricks" from them . Going to miss asking her questions about if something taste right or just how to do something.

Calvin Couchman - February 23, 2018 at 06:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Dell Couchman.*



February 21, 2018 at 10:32 AM

SM

“ *So sorry to hear of Laura Dell's passing. I have lots of good memories of her. I met her when I was a teenager when the teen TOPS merged w/the adult group. She was always laughing, had a story to tell, knew my parents, and would share her caramels when she made them. When I see a caramel I always think of Laura Dell. You are all in my prayers. Sally (Thrine) Morgan*

Sally Morgan - February 20, 2018 at 10:57 AM

AR

“ *To the family of Mrs Couchman I am sorry for your loss. I only knew Calvin but he talked about his Mother with such love and pride. Remember all the good imes you all shared with her to keep her memory alive. Love to you all*



April. Rose - February 20, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura Dell Couchman.*



February 19, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ *Dennis Smith lit a candle in memory of Laura Dell Couchman*



Dennis Smith - February 19, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *All my memories of this wonderful and fantastic woman are mostly in the kitchen and cooking and baking with her. As we all have to say goodbye to loved ones at some point, this one is the hardest so far. She was corner stone in our family as a beacon of light, and her light definitely shined the brightest, and we are always going to remember her and love her for that.*

Austin Jenkins - February 19, 2018 at 06:33 PM

LR

“ I spoke to Mrs Couchman on phone a few times and she seemed like a wonderful person. She talked about her crafts and cooking and it was like it brought out the best in her. Im sorry I didn't get to see her . I only had a chance to know Calvin and he has his Mom's laugh .I hope that all of her family remembers only the good times and her laughter. Calvin I love you and if you need anything please let me know



Lisa Roberts - February 19, 2018 at 04:58 PM

JT

“ My Grandma was an amazing woman! She was a friend to EVERYONE! My Grandma taught me many very valuable life skills and shared her amazing recipes with me. I use them to feed family and friends. I've even taken things to work to share with co-workers. My Grandma touched so many lives with her generosity and hospitality that I know she will be missed by not only our family but this amazing Community we have called home. She is dancing with Angels and talking with Grandpa. I'll bet she's even rocking Tracy and singing to her. Goodbye Grandma! I will miss you everyday for the rest of my life. Your Granddaughter, Jennifer

Jennifer Trent - February 19, 2018 at 04:11 PM

AN

“ I never met Mrs Couchman but did have the pleasure of speaking to her on the phone, and she would tell me stories and I can still hear her laughter . She was a real delight to talk to. I am sorry for the loss of your Mother ,I know that pain all too well. There are no words that can heal your broken hearts .But God knows your pain of losing a loved one and will get you through this. If there is anything i can do let me know.

Ann - February 19, 2018 at 01:25 PM

CC

Thank you for the kind words about Mom, she is in a far better place now. Yes God will ease the pain , looking forward to the day I will join her and dad along with my other family in heaven.

Calvin Couchman - February 23, 2018 at 06:37 AM

CH

“ *Charlotte sent a virtual gift in memory of Laura Dell Couchman*



Charlotte - February 19, 2018 at 01:05 PM

PN

“ *I am glad that I was given the opportunity to get to know this woman, thanks Staci Jo. All of my trips back to Lebanon, I was always welcome in Grandma Couchman's home. She made sure you enjoyed her company, confections, crafts, or a spread of food to feed an army! I know you and Jennifer will miss her. I went through losing the matriarch of our family last spring and it truly leaves a hole in your life. Love you both and my thoughts and prayers are with you. If I can be there, I will be, if not please forgive me!*



Penny Norman - February 19, 2018 at 02:11 AM

MT

“ *She was a great person and it has been an honor to be a part of her life. I will miss her.*



Merle Trent - February 18, 2018 at 09:34 PM

Marge
Hines

“ *I’m so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time!* ”



Marge Hines - February 18, 2018 at 06:30 PM

BP

“ *Bill And Martha Padgett lit a candle in memory of Laura Dell Couchman* ”



Bill and Martha padgett - February 17, 2018 at 07:24 PM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Laura Dell Couchman* ”



Sally Byrd - February 17, 2018 at 04:27 PM