



Mary Jean Ottinger

October 6, 1925 - February 5, 2018

Mary Jean (Swope) Ottinger passed peacefully on February 5, 2018. Born October 6, 1925 in Lebanon, she was the daughter of Raymond “Jack” and Naomi (Smith) Swope. She is a lifelong resident of Boone County, IN.

She married Burl Ottinger in 1946 and lived on their farm which is now Royal Run, west of Zionsville. Burl preceded her in death in June 1996.

“Mary Jean” as she was called, was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and homemaker. Her favorite pastime was family and friends, especially watching her children and grandchildren’s activities and achievements over the years.

She worked in Hicks Body Co. in Lebanon from 1943 until 1951. Later, she fully enjoyed working as baker, cook and cafeteria manager at Westlane Middle School in Indianapolis. She retired from there in December 1989 after 22 years. After retirement, she and her husband enjoyed life on the farm and travel to California, Tennessee and Florida.

For 15 years Mary Jean was a Volunteer Aide in her daughter’s (Tina Hand) first grade class at Zionsville’s Eagle Elementary.

She had been a member of the infamous N.N. Club, a social neighborhood

organization founded in 1915 until its disbanding in 2005. She volunteered for several years with the "Hug-a-Pillow" group making pillows for children who were patients of St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis or Witham Hospital in Lebanon.

Always involved in church, she grew up in the former United Brethren Church or what is now Otterbein UMC (United Methodist Church) in Lebanon. After her marriage in 1946, she transferred her membership to Salem UMC in Zionsville. She has always been active in so many Salem church functions- Sunday and Bible School teacher, Board Chair, choir and several other committees for over 60 years.

Mary Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Burl in June 1996, and brothers Moncil Swope of Bradenton, FL and Raymond Swope Jr. of Scottsburg, IN.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law- Tina and Eric Hand; son and daughter-in-law- Tim and Susan Ottinger; grandchildren- Sarah (Hand) Alexander, Nathan Hand and Autumn (Hansen) Hand, Brian Hand, Justin Ottinger and Rebecca Ottinger; great grandchildren- William Alexander, Hazel Lynn Hand and Mary Josephine Hand; sister-in-law, Annie Ottinger; nephews Jeff Ottinger, Gary Swope, Brent Swope and nieces Candace (Ottinger) Buckmaster and Kathi (Swope) Hackney.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 8, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Myers Mortuary in Lebanon. The funeral will be Friday, February 9th at 11:00 AM at Salem United Methodist Church, 6701 S 775 E (Kissel Rd) in Zionsville with interment at Salem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

Zionsville, IN 46077

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
1502 North Lebanon Street
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 482-0620
office@myersmortuary.com
<https://myersmortuary.com/>

Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Salem United Methodist Church
6701 South 775 East
Zionsville, IN 46077

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jean Ottinger*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Indiana OUCC Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Jean Ottinger.*



Indiana OUCC Family - February 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *We will all miss your sweet beautiful smiles, rest in peace pretty lady and may your family and loved ones be comforted during this difficult time... God bless you.*

Claude (Room 103) and Kathy Sparks .

CLAUDE SPARKS - February 08, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ *Love, Bruce and Flo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Jean Ottinger.*



Love, Bruce and Flo - February 08, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Ottinger.*



February 08, 2018 at 07:17 AM



“ *Dear Eric & Tina,*

I was so sorry to learn of your loss. I hope you'll find peace & strength through messages of comfort from your family & friends.

You'll certainly be in all our thoughts & prayers at the OUCC.

Sincerely,

*Karol Krohn
Fishers, IN*

Karol Krohn - February 07, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Ottinger.*



February 07, 2018 at 12:00 PM

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“ *I never met Mrs. Ottinger but to have raised a son like Tim, she must have been a saint. She got it right!*
Peter Burke

Peter Burke - February 06, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Ottinger.*



February 06, 2018 at 01:05 PM