



Emmaline "Emmy" Purviance Henn

December 7, 1926 - February 13, 2014

Emmaline "Emmy" Purviance Henn, age 87, of Huntington, passed away at 7:58 p.m. Thursday (February 13, 2014) at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be held Monday (February 17, 2014) from 3 to 7 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held Tuesday (February 18, 2014) at 11 a.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Robert Land officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will take place in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County or Trinity United Methodist Church Building Fund, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Emmy was born December 7, 1926 in New York City, New York, daughter of John and Lois (Grimes) O'Harrow. She grew up in Chappaqua, New York and moved to Huntington in 1943. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1944 and attended DePauw University where she was active in the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She married Donald A. Purviance, Jr. on November 16, 1946 in Huntington and he preceded her in death on March 17, 1999. On December 27, 2004, she married Robert L. Henn.

Emmy was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was

also a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she participated in the choir and served as deaconess, elder, and served the youth. She was a founding member of the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County, where she served on the Board of Directors. She was a member of Tri Kappa Chi Chapter in Huntington. She served on the YMCA Board of Directors. She spearheaded and was Chairman of the Restoration Committee for the Lafontaine Center, and President of the Board of Directors from 1981-1995. She served on the Board of Directors for the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and on the Huntington Historic Review Board. She served on the Dan Quayle Museum Advisory Committee and the Huntington University Foundation Board of Directors. Emmy was awarded The Book of Golden Deeds by the Huntington Exchange Club. The Republican Party of Huntington named her Citizen of the Year. She received the Sagamore of the Wabash from the Governor of Indiana and in 1987 was named Chief of the Flint Springs Tribe. She was granted an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Huntington College.

Emmy is survived by her husband - Robert L. Henn of Huntington; one son - D. Andrew "Andy" Purviance of San Diego, California; two daughters - Mary P. York of Pittsboro, North Carolina and Margaret "Margie" P. Hedrick of Huntington; one stepson - David A. Henn of Huntington; ten grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Her parents, first husband, one sister - Ann Tanselle, one stepson - Robert "Rob" A. Henn, and one grandson - Aaron Freeman York, precede her in death.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

1700 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Margie: Sorry to see you mother passed away. William Wasmuth Powers*

Bill Powers - March 01, 2014 at 08:48 PM

JG

“ *Dear Bob and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss that beautiful smile and warm loving heart.
John Gass Family*

John Gass - February 20, 2014 at 04:04 PM

CR

“ *Dear Mary & family, I know you will miss your mother very much, but you have a lot of her qualities & traits that will be carried on. May God bless you & your family at this difficult time. May you be given comfort & peace as you reflect on special memories of your loving mother. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Sending our Deepest Sympathy & love, Steve, Cheryl & family*



Cheryl Robertson - February 19, 2014 at 04:50 AM

KG

“ *Emmy was a precious woman. While I really only knew her through her son and grandchildren, it was a privilege to know such a generous loving person. Emmy will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Love Kathy Grusy*

Kathy Grusy - February 18, 2014 at 08:17 PM

AJ

“ Our families were inseparable from the time our fathers became best friends at the age of 5. We shared so many wonderful, memorable moments- out of town trips, visits at the lake and in Huntington. What wonderful people! Emmy has done such great work in Huntington- a real legacy! Our heartfelt sympathy to Mary, Margie, Andy, and Bob
Anne (Meier) Jones, David and Bill Meier

Anne Jones - February 18, 2014 at 07:08 PM

BM

“ The angels have competition in Heaven as Emmy leaves our world. She was always so gracious and helpful in so many ways. I was lucky to have met her through Huntington Alert and other ways. Her and Don were at a dinner one time that the MC went around the crowd doing some humor and he pointed Don and Emmy out and said if there ever was a life version of Ken and Barbie, here they were. She helped Huntington in so many ways and showed us how to do it so gracefully. Rest in Peace Emmy, and prayers of sympathy to your family and other friends who mourn, yet celebrate your life!!

Brett & Reggie Molitor

Brett Molitor - February 18, 2014 at 11:47 AM

PC

“ Sympathy goes out to the family. She was an amazing woman and will be missed by so many people. Prayers are with you. Pam Koehlinger Callahan

Pam Callahan - February 18, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JK

“ *Emmy did not know me personally but she always greeted me with a big gracious smile when ever our paths would meet. She was a very special lady and one that I will always remember. I know she will be missed greatly by many. Peace and comfort to all of you during this difficult time. Jody Kramer*

Jody Kramer - February 18, 2014 at 09:41 AM

CW

An eternally magnificent human being and fine example for all of us to aspire to. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends. Her absence to this community will be profound. Cynthia Wehr

Cynthia Wehr - February 18, 2014 at 10:02 AM

HH

“ *I remember Emmy, as well as Don, as fine people who were always pleasant to be around while I was growing up in Huntington. Deepest sympathies to loved ones. Howard Houghton*

Howard Houghton - February 17, 2014 at 06:21 PM

GR

“ *Emmy was a very inspirational lady who along with Don supported me in pursuing the Boys & Girls Club. I was and am still forever grateful and appreciative of her time, talent and genuine love! What a wonder person to admire and dare to become. Although I have missed out on seeing her these past years, she has always been on my mind and in my heart! I miss you dearly Emmy and thank you for all that you have done to bolster the youth in Huntington County - you are a rare treasure that will most surely be missed. I do remember on our travels telling Emmy, how I wished I could have had her as a Grandmother because I so admired her and loved her heart! So very sorry to the family for such a loss and know that she was treasured by others as well.*

-Gwen (Bechtold) Ruppert

Gwen Ruppert - February 17, 2014 at 06:04 PM

CO

“ *We cherished Emmy's friendship greatly! So sorry for your loss.*

Mayor Terry and Connie Abbett

Connie - February 17, 2014 at 10:56 AM

JS

“ *Our prayers are with all the Henn and Purviance families. Her memories will be with us always. The Jim Shockley family*

Jim Shockley - February 17, 2014 at 09:29 AM

BB

“ Our prayers are with the families! May you rest in peace Emmy~



Brian and Kim Bruemleve - February 16, 2014 at 10:09 PM

MG

“ Emmy Purviance Henn will always be very fondly remembered by me. She was a great lady!

Martha Goings - February 16, 2014 at 01:43 PM

RK

“ Dear Margie, I learned of your Mother's passing from my Mother. So very sorry to learn this. Your Mother was such a beautiful woman and did so much for her community. I am thinking of you, your sister and brother, and your greater family at this time. Many blessings,
Rod Kiracofe

Roderick Kiracofe - February 16, 2014 at 01:37 PM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.
Most sincerely, Dawn Koehlinger Costin

Dawn Koehlinger Costin - February 16, 2014 at 12:54 PM

JS

“ Jean Schilling lit a candle in memory of Emmaline "Emmy" Purviance Henn



Jean Schilling - February 16, 2014 at 10:31 AM

KW

“ Emmy was a very special lady, and will be sorely missed. Prayers being said for all the family.



Kim Wingo - February 16, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ My first job was babysitting Andy and the girls. Mrs. Purviance was always so kind and considerate. My parents (Don and Dorothy Winegardner) appreciated her and Mr. Purviance's friendship. My condolences to Andy, Mary and Margie. Ann (Winegardner) McGaw.

Ann McGaw - February 15, 2014 at 04:08 PM

CG

“ Emmy was a part of our childhood church life at The Presbyterian Church. I have only warm memories of her, as she was ever gracious. May your wonderful memories sustain you, in the days to come.....thinking of you, Cheryl Straight Greene

Cheryl Greene - February 15, 2014 at 01:05 PM

TA

“ *Tanner sent a virtual gift in memory of Emmaline "Emmy" Purviance Henn*



Tanner - February 15, 2014 at 11:40 AM

TA

So sorry to hear about Emmy. May God help you through your grief.
Tanner

Tanner - February 15, 2014 at 11:40 AM

JK

She was a very special lady and we will greatly miss her.

Janet & Bob Koehlinger - February 15, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ *Salmon Colored Rose and Purple Iris Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Emmaline "Emmy" Purviance Henn.*



February 15, 2014 at 09:25 AM