



## Marjorie J. Essig

March 7, 1922 - December 12, 2016

Marjorie J. Essig, age 94, of Huntington, died at 6:54 p.m. Monday, December 12, 2016 at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 530 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will immediately follow at 12 p.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Bill Rapp officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church for the Chancel Choir, Handbell Assembly, or Epworth Forest Cottage Retreat Center, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Marge was born on March 7, 1922 in Huntington, the daughter of L.D. and Mildred (Smith) Orr. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1939 and married Emil C. Essig on January 7, 1943 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington; he preceded her in death on January 12, 1982. Mrs. Essig was primarily a mother and an active volunteer until husband Emil died. She also worked at Repp's Grocery Store, later Close's Grocery Store in Huntington. In addition, she worked at Art Chemical Clay Factory in Huntington. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church since marrying Emil and could be counted on for helping in any way needed, especially decorating tables for

various church dinners. She loved reading, hiking outdoors, gardening, and coffee breaks with Emil and his partner Louis Hanson of Essig and Hanson, contracting carpenters. She and Emil loved music and singing and were members of the church choir. She was devastated when Emil died suddenly. From then on, she worked across from her home at what was called Road Runner, a convenience store and gas station, making many more friends and retaining customers, until her first major stroke in 1996. Marge and sisters Patsy and Mary sang the jingle for sports broadcaster Chris Schenkel's weekly Radio Show. She lived by the motto, "I am one, I am only one, I cannot do much but I can do something." She was the leader of Girl Scout Troop 465 for more than a dozen members of Susie's HHS class of 1966. She and her husband Emil served as Methodist Youth Fellowship sponsors for years, as well as chaperones for Jobs Daughters and members of Eastern Star. She was well known for her German Sweet Chocolate Cake and table decorating. After Emil's death, Marjorie dressed as E.T., from the movie about the precious Extra Terrestrial, and spoke to groups to raise money for a special emergency phone line, something Emil didn't have. She was the recipient of the 1990 Union Church Christian Heritage Award "for her life of quiet Christian service," was a board member of Associated Churches of Huntington County, and was an active member of Church Women United. After her first stroke eliminated the use of her entire and dominant right side, she requested left-handed scissors so she could continue to clip and mail news articles to friends. She typed letters, using only her left hand, to shut-ins and family. In April 2016, she had additional strokes which kept her completely bedfast until her death.

Survivors include three daughters - Patricia K. (Werner) Koslowski of Melbourne, Florida, Carolyn "Susie" (Daniel) Knust of Marshfield, Missouri, and Julie A. Essig, her primary caregiver since her 1996 stroke; a sister - Joan Patricia "Pat" Landis of Huntington; four grandchildren - Gina Lynn (Mark) Stephens, John (Brenda) Lynn, Scott (Annika) Moore, and Lindsey (John)

Gant; great grandchildren - Amanda, Matthew, and Nathan Stephens, Jessica and Kyle Lynn, Lilja and Emrik Moore, and Lillian Gant; four great-great grandchildren - Dominic, Isaiah, and Asher Lynn, and Hennessee Stephens; beloved nieces and a nephew, grandnieces and grandnephews and their children. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister, Mary Katherine Hanson.

# Cemetery Details

## Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35  
Marion, IN 46952

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
530 Guilford St.  
Huntington, IN 46750

## Service

DEC 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
530 Guilford St.  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Dear Julie - So very sorry for your loss. I have so many great memories of our little neighborhood when we were young. Thinking of you & take care of yourself.

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**Shana Working** - December 23, 2016 at 01:23 PM

JR

“ Julie so sorry we missed the service. We started out but the ice was too bad. Really wanted to talk with you - we hadn't seen you for awhile. Prayers. Jere & Jo Ann Reed

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**Jere & Jo Ann Reed** - December 19, 2016 at 11:32 AM

LV

“ Susie, Julie and Patty -  
You've been in my thoughts and prayers since my mother told me of your mom's passing. Great memories from having been a part of Troop 465 with you mom will always be a part of my life. She was a wonderful and fun woman.  
Lynda Petrie VanKirk

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**Lynda VanKirk** - December 18, 2016 at 11:51 AM

BH

“ Julie, sorry to here about the death of your mother. I know you were very close to her.  
She was lucky to have you to take care of her for all of those years.  
I hope you are doing ok. Brent Houston (Breyers)

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**Brent Houston** - December 18, 2016 at 11:35 AM

MS

“ A lesson in strength and grace, always striving to serve others, even in the face of adversity. Marge was a blessing to all who knew her. We are grateful to have known her. Julie, our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow!

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**Mary and Pat Smith** - December 17, 2016 at 08:04 PM

VF

“ What a wonderful lady. Marge never knew a stranger. Loved and lived life.  
Sorry to hear of her passing.  
God Bless you all.

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**Virginia Floyd** - December 17, 2016 at 04:10 PM

TM

“ My sincere regards to Julie, Susie and Patty. I loved your mother and know she will be missed. God bless you at this time of grief.

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**Tanner Michael** - December 16, 2016 at 06:28 PM

JL

“ Julie, So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady and you were the consummate daughter. May God bless you and give you peace and rest during this time of transition.  
Judy and Paul Lewis

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**Judy Lewis** - December 16, 2016 at 05:09 PM

SE

“ Your mom always had a smile! When I saw her at a restaurant or some place, she always called me by name, asked about family, and listened intently. She loved her family and was a blessing to you as well as you to her as you cared for her so sincerely. Heaven is now 😊 enjoying her smile ! Cherish the memories - God bless!

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**Sue Ellet** - December 16, 2016 at 12:48 PM

DS

“ Dear Julie, Susie, and Patty, and family,

Those of us in the Pauling/Snyder/Kiracofe family thought of your mother and the rest of your family as part of our own. Marge seemed to have boundless energy and determination. Her ability to tell a story and make people laugh was nearly unparalleled. She showed a deep and unwavering sense of commitment to her family and friends through her many acts of kindness. I remember several enjoyable gatherings at the family homestead on Charles Street that included Marge, Emil, and other members of your family. Marge enriched the lives of everyone that knew her. She left behind a wonderful legacy of love and compassion that all of us can use as an example for our own lives. I send you all thoughts of warmth and love during this time of transition.

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**Donald Snyder** - December 15, 2016 at 03:13 PM

JB

“ Julie - So sorry to hear about your mother. You were such a joy to her. Thinking of you at this time. Stan and Jenny Bippus

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**Jenny Bippus** - December 15, 2016 at 02:24 PM

RC

“ Julie,

*I was saddened to hear about the passing of your mom. It was good that you had been able to be there for her and care for her all of these years. Even though her passing has occurred during this holiday season, my prayer is that you will sense a special presence of God in your life at this time.*

*Rich Cloud*

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**Richard W. Cloud** - December 15, 2016 at 01:28 PM

SB

“ *I knew Marjorie Well have been friends for years  
My Payers goes to the Family  
Shirley M Brown*

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**Shirley Brown** - December 15, 2016 at 04:53 AM

MS

“ *Our sympathy to you Julie and family.*

*Dennis and Marilyn Sonner*

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**Marilyn Sonner** - December 14, 2016 at 07:43 PM

DB

“ *So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I seen your Mom and Julie out running errands awhile back. My Mom and Dad were my running buddies. Your Mom will be missed in so many ways. We have been very blessed to have them in our lives as long as we able too. I will be thinking of you and your families with prayers!*



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**Daralene Bowman** - December 14, 2016 at 03:01 PM

SN

“ So many memories of this wonderful lady, but I think my favorite is her love of Messiah. She was so disappointed when she couldn't sing any more, but she attended faithfully after that, and was always so encouraging. She was a great friend. I'm happy for her that she is finally healed and a member of the heavenly choir.

*Sue Nunemaker*

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**Sue Nunemaker** - December 14, 2016 at 02:41 PM

CH

“ There are no words that can tell you all how I feel about your lovely mom.. She was always a very happy part of my life.. I am glad I saw her a year ago... Please know you are in my Prayers...

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**Candace Hunt-Jones** - December 14, 2016 at 11:04 AM

GS

“ Dear Julie, Mom and Susie , We love you all and are praying for the Loving arms of Jesus to be wrapped around you at this time, to lift you up in your sorrow and give you the peace that only Jesus can Give. Grandma "Marnie" was a very special, talented woman, who loved God and her family. Although, her last years were a struggle, I always knew she loved me and wished we could see more of each other. In our younger years, we spent much time with grandpa Emil and grandma Marnie. I remember coffee breaks with grandpa and Uncle Louie, long Bike rides, Singing in Church Choir, Job's Daughters, riding the Dixie at North Webster, Decorating the church for Dinners at Church, because grandma was such an excellent florist and always had a beautiful garden and huge sunflowers. Doing decopage crafts, Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners at our house with all the family there. There was always so much laughter, talking over each other, great food. I remember grandma's Ham loaf and German choc cake and German potato salad. Yummy! She had a beautiful Voice and Loved to sing! I also remember grandma chasing Jon and I around the table at her house when we were young with the fly swatter because we were sassing back or something naughty and she could n't reach us to swat our behinds, which we needed. This really makes me laugh. She always made me feel loved and special. She had a great laugh and a deep chuckle when something really tickled her. She loved Lawrence Welk and doing her devotions. She was a strong woman who pushed through many years of adversity and I admired and loved her very much. Rest in peace with Jesus, Grandma. In Heaven, there will be no more tears or pain. You will be able to walk again and enjoy more beautiful flowers than you can even imagine. I Love you Marnie, your granddaughter Gina, Mark , Amanda and Hennessey, Matthew and Jocelyn, and Nathan.

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**Gina Stephens** - December 14, 2016 at 08:50 AM

RP

“ *Sorry to hear about Marjorie. Thinking of you in this time of grief.*  
*Ruth Korte Paulison*

Ruth Paulison - December 14, 2016 at 08:42 AM

Mark  
Dimond

“ *Mark and Deb Dimond*



Mark Dimond - December 14, 2016 at 04:33 AM

JK

“ *Dear Julie,*  
*Please accept our sympathy in the death of your dear mother. You*  
*certainly have been an excellent daughter to your mom.*  
*Peace and comfort to you,*  
*Joanna & Art Kline*

Joanna Kay Kline - December 14, 2016 at 01:08 AM

KA

“ *I was so saddened to come across this. Mrs.*  
*Essig was ALWAYSs such a nice person...she*  
*will be missed. Kathy Harper*



kathyharper - December 13, 2016 at 09:02 PM

JT

“ *Joan L Tardy lit a candle in memory of Marjorie J. Essig*



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**Joan L Tardy** - December 13, 2016 at 08:54 PM

JT

*Julie, so very sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed talking with your mother. She was such a sweet lady !! Joan Tardy*

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**Joan L Tardy** - December 13, 2016 at 08:57 PM

RB

“ *Julie,*

*Sending my prayers for God to comfort you through the loss with the grieving of your mother.*

*Rose Bailey*

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**Rose Bailey** - December 13, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *Hello.*

*My memories go back to Job's Daughters and Eastern Star. I remember the fun that she inspired.*

*Connie Slater Hefner*

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**Connie Hefner** - December 13, 2016 at 01:03 PM

TB

“ *So sorry for your loss . She had the biggest smile and I remember her well . Tim Brown*

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**Tim Brown** - December 13, 2016 at 12:23 PM