



Joellen Hilligoss

February 28, 1935 - September 30, 2025

Joellen Hilligoss, 90, of Anderson, IN went to be with her Lord on September 30, 2025, after an extended illness at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on February 28, 1935, in Anderson, daughter of Laughren and Inez (Eskew) Colvin.

She graduated from Anderson High School, Class of 1953, and later married the love of her life, Wendell Hilligoss (who she met in kindergarden) on September 9, 1956. They were married at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Anderson by Rev. Lanahan. She then joined the First United Methodist Church in Anderson and was a current member.

She was employed by Delco Remy as Secretary of Contract Administration and later as Head of Policy Issue at Laymen Life Insurance Company. Between jobs she was a homemaker and devoted wife, raising their children, and doted over her grandchildren.

She and her husband enjoyed traveling and roamed the states in their RVs from coast to coast, including Alaska. She especially loved the Smoky Mountains where they owned property, packed lunch for an all-day hike, looking for bears. She worked dozens of picture puzzles, crossword puzzles, needlework, tatting, and taught her grandchildren how to bake bread.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years and her children, Alice K. (Tom) Heruth, Wendy L. Hilligoss, Michael A. (Stephanie) Hilligoss, and Susan Hardacre; her grandchildren, Ashley (Josh) Blanton, Lexie Heruth, and T. Michael Sheahan (fiance, Mikayla Cumings), one great-granddaughter, Eleanor Blanton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jack Colvin; mother and father-in-law, Arthur and Catherine Hilligoss; and son-in-law, Lee Hardacre.

Services will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. with visitation from 11:00 AM until time of service at Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, with Pastors Donna Goings and Corrine Boruff officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, Anderson or Shriners Children's Hospital, or charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made to the family in care of www.LooseCares.com.

Cemetery Details

Anderson Memorial Park

6805 Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.
Anderson, IN 46013

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - October 08, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ *Jon, Elizabeth & Brady Blanton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joellen Hilligoss.*



Jon, Elizabeth & Brady Blanton - October 06, 2025 at 08:34 PM