



Marian "Pearl" Purvis

December 11, 1929 - November 1, 2025

Marian "Pearl" Purvis (95) of Anderson, IN, passed away peacefully on November 1, 2025, in Bark River, MI. Pearl was born in Montpelier, IN, on December 11, 1929, to Lora and Chester Oberleas, later moving to Sheridan. Pearl was a loving sister and a good friend to her seven siblings.

After graduating from Sheridan High School, Pearl set out to pursue a career and follow her dreams of travel. She attended Texas Christian University for one year and decided that she would rather eat than study—she could not afford both.

Pearl returned to Indiana and met Richard (Dick) B. Purvis. They married in 1954 and moved to Anderson, IN. Together, they raised four children. After her children started school, Pearl worked at the American Security Loan office until retiring.

Pearl was a very active and involved member of East Lynn Christian Church. The church became the focus of her life and her primary support following her husband's sudden death in 1984. Pearl was a model of faith and acceptance. The name Pearl suited her—precious, pure, wise, and embodying unconditional love.

In retirement, Pearl explored a variety of passions. She felt boundless joy when using her sewing talent to create countless service projects, beautiful doll clothes, and heirloom quilts for her family. Pearl loved taking classes to develop new craft and sewing skills. At one point, she attended clown school and was delighted to be "Blossom" making balloon animals and walking in

parades with her clown friends. Pearl enjoyed browsing cookbooks and selecting new recipes to try. She was an outstanding cook, well-known for her homemade noodles and pies-and family favorites, “Grandma’s Coffee Cake” and “Grandma’s Mac and Cheese”. She really treasured her time with family, especially her grandkids. Pearl loved traveling adventures, sharing them with travel groups, church groups, friends, sisters, and her grandchildren.

Pearl leaves many loved ones behind who will deeply miss her. She is survived by her youngest brother, John Oberleas, her brother-in-law, Glen Heiny, her four children—Bruce Purvis, Kim Schilke, Rick Purvis, and Ben Purvis—11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many dearly loved nieces and nephews.

Thank you to Pearl’s son, Rick, who cared for her during her final years with dementia. Thank you also to the loving staff at Emmons Adult Care Home and UP Hospice.

On Saturday, November 15, Loose Funeral Home will host a celebration to honor Pearl’s life. Friends are welcome to visit from 11 am until noon; her service will start at 12 pm. Pearl will rest next to her husband at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Instead of sending flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Marian Pearl Purvis.

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Cemetery Details

Anderson Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marian "Pearl" Purvis



Loose Funeral Home - November 15, 2025 at 08:45 AM

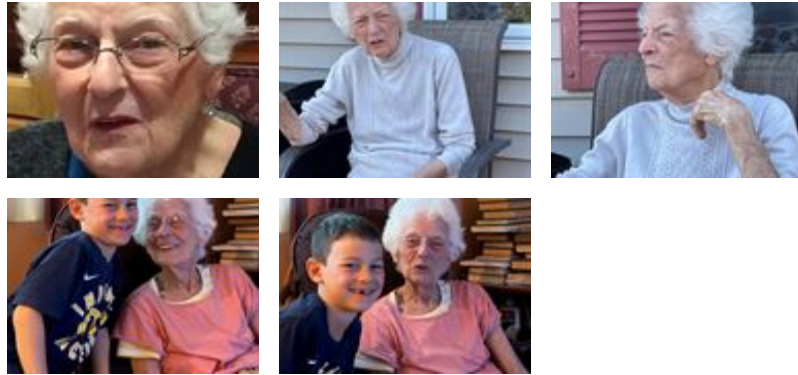


“ Sharon P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian "Pearl" Purvis.

Sharon P. - November 15, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



Loose Funeral Home - November 14, 2025 at 05:32 PM

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“ *The last time they were together at Church. Now they are together in heaven! We are so sorry that we won't be in town for the service. Pearl was a dear friend. I miss her. Cindy and Nick Hart*



Cindy Hart - November 06, 2025 at 08:50 PM

PH

“ *O met Pearl only a few times for a few minutes, but I know how much she meant to Rick and his family. What a lady! Sorry for your loss. May God's peace, love strength and comfort be with you all in this time of grief.*

Phil Huestis - November 06, 2025 at 10:16 AM

DR

“ *Aunt Pearl offered me a place to stay when I came out for one family Christmas. It was wonderful to hear her share different stories. We all knew she was a great cook. She shared her favorite reading was to read cookbooks. I never thought of it as reading material, but it made perfect sense when she shared. I am grateful for her support during my graduate recital. I am grateful that she helped dad get to New Mexico when their oldest brother passed away. She had a love for family that I will never forget. I learned from her the importance of food in the church community and the importance of a food bank. Thank you, Aunt Pearl for all that you taught us by example.*

Deb (Oberleas) Rudd - November 05, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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I met Pearl at the church. She was such a giving and kind person.

Cathy Huntley - November 09, 2025 at 03:05 PM