



## Florence E. Strong

January 20, 1933 - April 5, 2019

Florence E. Strong, 86, of rural Akron, Indiana passed at 9:15 pm, Friday, April 5, 2019 at Millers Merry Manor of Warsaw, Indiana.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois and adopted as an infant by Aaron S. and E. Reath Fike.

She was married July 3, 1950 in Fulton County, Salem, Arkansas to the only love of her life L. Merle Strong, he preceded on May 5, 2011.

Florence was a homemaker and a farmer's wife as well as a rural mail carrier for nearly 10 years retiring in 1995. She also was a former co-owner, with her daughter Charlotte, of the Lantern Café of Silver Lake and worked at several nursing homes which included Canterbury Manor of Rochester and Timbercrest Retirement Community of North Manchester.

She was a graduate of West Plains High School in 1949. She then attended Manchester College. She gave her heart to the Lord at the age of 8 in the Peace Valley Church of the Brethren and a later was a member of the Silver Creek Church of God for many years.

Survivors and place of residence:

2 Daughters - Carmen and husband Dr. Stephen Reed - Ft. Wayne, IN

Charlotte and husband Charles Gerdeman - Akron, IN

2 Sons - John and wife Cathy Strong - Akron, IN

Charles and wife Joy Strong - Monticello, IN

Grandchildren - Kimberly (Reed) and husband Scott Heisler, Christopher Reed, and Marlayna and husband Jamie Gagnon, Madison Strong, and Levi Strong, Steven and wife Steph Tackett, Brittany Plunkett, Brian and Alana Stutsman, and Jake and Cayla Stutsman

Great Grandchildren - Isabella Heisler, Braden Tackett, Chloe Tackett, Kaia Plunkett, Marina Gagnon, Paisley Plunkett, and Audrey Stutsman, and James Stutsman

Sister – Elverda Oellig – West Plains, Missouri

Preceded in Death By:

Husband - L. Merle Strong

Sister and Brother-in-law – Viola and Richard Harlan

Brother-in-law – Byron Oellig

Time and Date of Services: 10:30 am, Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Place of Services: Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana

Minister: Pastor Thomas Craig

Place of Burial: Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana

Visitation Hours: 4 pm to 8 pm, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana

Memorial Contributions to: American Heart Association or to the Cardinal Center

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# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Reg/Randena(Randy) Hartman lit a candle in memory of Florence E. Strong*



Reg/Randena(Randy) Hartman - April 10, 2019 at 01:08 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Florence E. Strong.*



April 09, 2019 at 02:55 PM

JF

“ *Dear 1st cousin Florence! Early in my life she was a pain, insisting on calling me Nanny Pee-roll when she knew good and well that my name was Juanita Pearl! She seems to have "tamed down" by the last time I saw her in MO several years ago! :)*

*I do feel with you all in your loss. I never had a sister to lose, but I have lost a dear brother and know the sadness related to such a loss. May God comfort you through this difficult time. Juanita Fike*

J. Fike - April 07, 2019 at 06:26 PM

Martha  
Kelly  
Kochende

“ *I always enjoyed working with Florence at Canterbury Manor. Prayers for the family.* ”



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**Martha Kelly Kochenderfer** - April 07, 2019 at 07:56 AM

MS

“ *Prayers for the family, she will be greatly missed, she was an awesome lady* ”



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**mary saner** - April 06, 2019 at 05:52 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Florence E. Strong* ”



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**Jim and Shirley Bickel** - April 06, 2019 at 05:23 PM