

Martha Lou Hoffman

Martha Lou Hoffman, 88, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Martha was born Dec. 31, 1930, in Claypool, to Harmon and Thelma Ford Wharton. She lived most of her life in Claypool, graduating from Claypool High School, where she played saxophone in the marching band.

On July 10, 1954, in Akron, she and Edward A. Hoffman were joined in holy matrimony. They roller skated together for many years at Rock Lake Skating Rink; attended Mount Pleasant Church in Claypool, where they shared their musical talents; and spent several winters together in Gulf Shores, Ala., involved with an active Snow Bird group.

Spring, summer and fall you could find Martha in her garden tending flowers and herbs, while in cooler months she focused on quilting, oil painting or researching genealogy.

She was awarded Our Lady of Kosciusko in 1998 after years of volunteer service, including Daughters of American Revolution, United Methodist Women, Order of Eastern Star, Red Bird Mission Hospital Auxiliary, 4-H, Home Health Care and Red Cross. Additionally she served on the boards of Grace Children's Hospital, International Child Care and United Methodist District Missions.

Martha was best known for her work in Haiti, which began in 1969. For 13 years she held local craft bazaars to raise money for Grace Children's Hospital, a tuberculosis hospital for children. She and Ed raised community awareness by leading tour group trips to Haiti. Her focus broadened to include more missions and she began facilitating volunteers (80 at last count) to sew, donate fabric and transport tons of finished product to Haiti. Most recently one of the missions created "Martha's Sewing Group," where they teach young ladies to work with fabric.

Martha will be lovingly remembered and missed by her family, including two daughters and sons-in-law: Kathy and Bill Hamman of Winona Lake and Michelle Hoffman and Don Hirschaut of Aptos, Calif.; four grandchildren: Jay Hamman of Winona Lake; Sara Hamman McConnell of Warsaw; Meridith Hirschaut of Berkley, Calif.; and Nathan Hirschaut of New York City, N.Y.; and two great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will come together for sharing from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw. There will be an additional hour of visitation prior to the funeral.

A service celebrating Martha's life will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the funeral home. Officiating will be Pastor Glenn Hall. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorials to Haiti's Little Angels, P.O. Box 151, Vero Beach, FL 32961.

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