



## Marvalee B. Cunningham

June 12, 1930 - November 4, 2012

Marvalee B. Cunningham, 82, of East Peoria, died at 2:23 AM on Sunday November 4, 2012 at her residence with her loving family by her side. She was born on June 12, 1930 in Sedalia, MO to Orvis P. and Blanche A. Bain Wilcox. She was united in marriage on December 17, 1945 to Gerald Cunningham in Kansa City, MO. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage together. He survives. Also surviving are their two daughters; Sherry (Richard Vosberg) Becker of Peoria and Susan (Gregory) Derry of Canton, three grandchildren; Cary (Karen) Becker of East Peoria, Kimberly (Mark) Watkins of Canton, Jennifer Derry of Columbia, MO, 8 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. One brother, Orvis Wilcox III of Topeka, KA also survives. She was preceded in death by her parents and one great-grandson, Ryan Petefish.

Marvalee was a very active woman. Early in life she worked as a secretary at Peoria Richwoods High School. She later owned and operated Pauline's Dress Shop, a boutique in East Peoria. For several years following, she was a realtor for Hovind Realty and later a travel agent for World Wide Travel in Canton. She and her husband owned and operated several businesses together, including Wee-Ma-Tuk Country Club in Canton, IL and East Peoria Autobody.

She was a member of Bethel Memorial United Church of Christ in Creve Ceour, and was active in the Peoria Woman's Golf League. Marvalee was also an active bridge player and was an extensive world traveler. She loved

her family and had a zest for life. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

There will be a memorial service for Marvalee on Wednesday November 7, 2012 at 5:30 PM at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in East Peoria. Pastor Paul Isom will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-5:30 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Cremation rites have been accorded.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - East Peoria  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Marvalee B. Cunningham



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - November 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for sharing your life with me and your friends at Huntington Hills Country Club. I am proud to have been a part of your life together and share your loss. Love Trudie and family.##imported-begin##Trudie Cunningham##imported-end##

November 11, 2012 at 06:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mac. You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a special person in some many ways. We will miss her.##imported-begin##Pat Kullman##imported-end##

November 09, 2012 at 10:43 PM



“ My prayers are with you##imported-begin##Bobbie Kullman##imported-end##

November 09, 2012 at 09:58 AM



“ *May you rest in peace our dear friend*##imported-begin##*Cliff and Debbie Jones*##imported-end##

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November 07, 2012 at 04:16 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*##imported-begin##*Cathy Gates*##imported-end##

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November 07, 2012 at 10:20 AM



“ *Love You Loads!!!! You and I have created memmories that will make me smile the rest of my life. kisses*##imported-begin##*kim (Derry) Watkins*##imported-end##

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November 07, 2012 at 01:02 AM



“ *Our condolences to Jerry, Susie, Sherry and all their families. A wife/mother is such a loss, but be comforted in knowing you will see her again.*##imported-begin##*Bill and Rose Heger*##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 08:46 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this time. I know the wonderful and lifelong memories you will cherish forever. Never break the thread of family Marvalee has woven so tightly around you all.*##imported-begin##*Marsha Herrick and Katrina*##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 04:11 PM



“ Gerry, Sherry and Sue and families, Bernie and I send our sincere condolences to you and your families with Marvalee's passing. We will pray for all of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Colleen Creson##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 03:38 PM



“ Mac will certainly be missed by her extended Florida Family. Mac was always ready for a new adventure and just plain fun to be around.

Our sincere condolences to Jerry & the family.##imported-begin##Tom & Evelyn Harmon##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 02:25 PM



“ my thoughts and prayers to uncle jerry, sherrie aand susie. your mother was the most kind and gracious person. she will be dearly missed. love sam##imported-begin##samuel cunningham##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 02:20 PM



“ Jerry:  
Sure enjoyed visiting with you and Marvalee in Topeka. Thinking of all of you, Bill##imported-begin##Bill Pollard##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 11:52 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Gina and Gary Sciortino##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 11:07 AM



“ When I think of this wonderful, strong woman, I always think of how she loved and enjoyed her family, friends and life overall. Certainly a person to look up to and admire.  
Love and prayers from our family are with all of you.  
Sincerely,  
Ron, Kathy, Gina and Gary, Jeremy and Char, and Darlene Derry##imported-begin##kathy hayes##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 09:29 AM



“ my condolences to you sherry&susan and your father on your passing of your mother.she was a lovely lady.i remember her well from when we were kids##imported-begin##richard w. scott##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 07:14 AM



“ Grandma Cunningham was a wonderful lady to whom I admired.I hope you all stay strong through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Terri Newham##imported-end##

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November 05, 2012 at 08:37 PM