



## Ella Fern Blount

December 30, 1924 - January 17, 2021

Ella Fern Blount, formerly of Losantville, passed away at the age of 96, on January 17, 2021, following a bout of pneumonia (not covid related).

Ella Fern was born December 30, 1924, in South Bend, IN, the daughter of Harold Seth & Leona (Morris) Smith. She was released into the care of the Knightstown Soldiers & Sailor's Children's Home at the age of 18 months, along with 4 siblings, when her mother became terminally ill of tuberculosis & her father found he could not adequately care for all of them at home. There she met many lifelong friends & was introduced to her loving Foster Parents, Harold & Virgil Botkin, formerly of Farmland, IN. She spent her school vacations and holidays with the Botkin family, whom she loved dearly & considered her closest family.

Ella Fern graduated High School at the Children's Home in 1943, and was a 1947 graduate of Ball State Teachers College where she earned a BS in Education. Ella Fern taught business, math and journalism in several rural communities through the years, including: Economy, Williamsburg, Modoc, White Water & Blue River. She stopped teaching to raise her 3 children.

Ella Fern was married nearly 60 years to the love of her life, Roy D. Blount, also a teacher. They were married July 28, 1950. They spent 40 years of that time living on a farm outside of Losantville, IN, in Randolph County. Roy preceded her in death in 2010. They were both long time members of the College Avenue United Methodist Church in Muncie for over 50 years.

Ella Fern is survived by 2 children, Harold D Blount (Pamela) of Middletown,

VA, and Julia D Ward (Joe) of Zionsville, IN. She also was the proud Grandmother of 2: EllaNora (Blount) McConnell (Dan) of Strasburg, VA; and Morgan Ward of Zionsville.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, James E. Blount in 2012, and 4 siblings, Curtis Smith, Ora May New, Seth Harold smith and Cora Murphy.

Visitation will be 12 noon to 1:30 PM on Saturday, January 23, at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown. Services to celebrate Ella Fern's life will follow at 1:30 PM. Pastor Mort Radford will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Losantville.

Memorials may be made to Salvation Army.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

10800 W 800 S  
Losantville, IN 47354

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown  
51 South Washington Street  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
(765) 489-5511  
info@culbersonfh.com  
<https://www.culbersonfh.com/>

## Service

JAN 23. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ella Fern Blount*



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**Culberson Funeral Home** - January 21, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Harold and Julia: I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My Mom and she were at the "home" together as was Dad. Mom would spend a lot of time talking to Ella Fern until the family moved out to Losantville and the calls became long distance.*

*I remember your Dad being a math teacher and as I recall, Harold you picked up that aptitude. Other memories were of Harold you teaching me Chinese checkers. Also your farm was the first place I ever tasted a persimmon. I thought they were great until I got a slightly nitrile one. LOL*

*I recently retired from medicine. Traveling the country.*

*Best wishes to you both and your families.*

*C Kurt Alexander*

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**Kurt Alexander** - January 24, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*

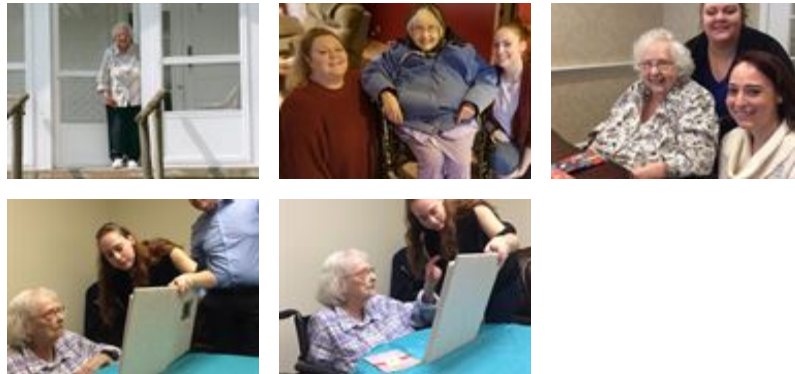


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**Rick Culberson** - January 23, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Culberson Funeral Home** - January 21, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *Ronda Davis lit a candle in memory of Ella Fern Blount*



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**Ronda Davis** - January 20, 2021 at 10:59 AM

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“ *What a wonderful lady.I enjoyed sitting with her and Roy at crossroads..The luv they had for each other was unconditional...They were amazing.. Prayers for the family*

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**Juliette Shepard** - January 19, 2021 at 06:40 PM