



LaVora R. Lumpkin

January 4, 1925 - February 6, 2025

LaVora R. Lumpkin, 100, passed away on February 6, 2025 at her Randolph County farm where she resided for 71 years. She was born January 4, 1925 in Wayne County to Lawrence and Hazel (Yoke) Rhinehart.

LaVora enjoyed spending time with family, researching genealogy, cemetery recording, gardening, cultivating wildflowers and establishing and caring for the farm woodlands. Upon her graduation in 1942, she worked in the payroll department of Perfect Circle in Hagerstown and frequently cited with admiration the sacrifices of her classmates during WWII. In 1954 she and her husband Ray established a farm near Modoc, IN. She was a member of Losantville United Methodist Church, and a 65-year-member of Randolph Co. Rural Couples Club.

Survivors include two sons, Ernest Lumpkin (Modoc, IN) and Everett (Cindy) Lumpkin (Galveston IN); ten grandchildren Eric (Katy) Lumpkin (Russiaville, IN), Emily (Dave) Hines (Marion, IN), David Lumpkin (Economy, IN), Daniel Lumpkin (Sycamore, IL), Diane (Matt) Huber (Muncie, IN), Scott (Amber) Lumpkin (Middletown, IN), Greg Lumpkin (Fountain City, IN), Heather (David) Gerth (Carlton, MN), Elizabeth (Isaac) Biggs (Nashville, TN), Allison Lumpkin (Galveston, IN); and many beloved nephews, nieces, and great grandchildren. LaVora is preceded in death by her husband Ray A. Lumpkin, two sisters Reba Allen and Dortha Howell, sons Darrell E. Lumpkin, Lowell A. Lumpkin and friend of the family Dee Lumpkin.

A private graveside service for family members was held on February 10,

2025 at Little Creek Cemetery.

Public memorial services will be at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 15, at Losantville United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to either the Red-tail Land Conservancy (<https://fortland.org/>) or Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (<https://www.indiananrf.org/honor-a-loved-one/>).

Cemetery Details

Little Creek Cemetery

8790 W 1050 S
Losantville, IN 47354

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

Losantville United Methodist Church
278 N. John St.
Losnatville, IN 47354

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *C:\Users\jOE\Documents\Joe Files\Geneology\LaVora note Ernest and Everett.docx*

Joe DeVoss - March 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM

TC

“ *My memory of Lavora is how she and Mary Wright Dennis tirelessly cleaned up the old Nettle Creek Regular Baptist Cemetery. It was a project that took many years but thanks to her efforts, I was able to locate my Seagrave ancestor's grave and tombstone. She not only restored the cemetery but researched the available records of all those buried there. Her efforts have been a blessing to many genealogist researching their families.. My family also knew many of the older Lumpkin generation from the Losantville Methodist Church. We send the Lumpkin family our prayers and thoughts at this time.*

Timothy E. Conyers - February 13, 2025 at 03:58 PM

TC

There was a newspaper article with photos regarding the cemetery cleanup in the Richmond Palladium-Item, 19 December 1981, Page A3.

Timothy E. Conyers - February 13, 2025 at 04:04 PM

JT

Mary Wright Dennis was my mother....THANK YOU for your nice comment.... They loved coping all the cemeteries that they did for years...and we had fun....

Jane Dennis Thomas - February 13, 2025 at 04:54 PM

EL

Thank you for the kind words and appreciation of her work!

Everett Lumpkin - February 14, 2025 at 09:18 PM

MC

“ *LaVora was an excellent historian of the happenings of the Losantville Methodist Church and of the now Union Township, plus her family genealogy. She contributed to my compiling of our township, and county, from it's inception c. 1823. I fondly remember having an MYF taffy pull at her home in c. 1959. Thank you, LaVora for your dedication to the church, community, and the Lumpkin family.* Margaret Jackson Currie



Margaret Jackson Currie - February 10, 2025 at 05:26 PM

EL

Thank you for the kind words and appreciation of her work! The taffy recipe and candy thermometer have been located.

Everett Lumpkin - February 14, 2025 at 09:20 PM

JT

“ *Jane Thomas lit a candle in memory of LaVora R. Lumpkin*



Jane Thomas - February 09, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CR

“ LaVora was so good to share her knowledge of the Jordan family history. I remember a couple of things in particular. The first was a driving trip around the area to various cemeteries. We had a great time. Another time I took my granddaughter to LaVora's home. My granddaughter was going to do a project on the Jordan family cemetery but that day she was more interested in seeing the collection of arrow heads! But LaVora was very patient helped her with her project.

Ciss Rhoades

Cynthia Rhoades - February 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM

RH

What a great and interesting person to know. I'm saddened to hear of her passing, but I know she will be very welcomed into her Father's heavenly kingdom. My condolences to all the family.

Richard L Howard - February 11, 2025 at 01:35 AM

EL

Thank you for the kind words and appreciation of her research! Yes, even in recent years many of the family have continued the driving trips.

Everett Lumpkin - February 14, 2025 at 09:24 PM