



Martha L. Seaman

November 23, 1924 - November 14, 2019

MARTHA L. SEAMAN, 94, died Thursday, November 14, 2019, at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. Born November 23, 1924 in Fort Wayne, Ind., she was the daughter of Darrell S. Cash and Ethel L. (Turnbull) Cash.

Martha was a 1943 graduate of Southside High School in Fort Wayne. She married Raymond N. Seaman on June 28, 1947, at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She and Ray lived in Bloomington (on the same block where three of their great-granddaughters now live) while he attended Indiana University. She worked at the IU Student Health Center. After he graduated in 1949, they settled back in Fort Wayne. She was very creative and became an accomplished seamstress, tailor and upholsterer and she was active in volunteer Girl Scouting including directing day camp and serving as a troop leader. In the 1980s she worked at the Limberlost Girl Scout Council.

In 1975 they moved to Old Lake outside of Columbia City, Ind, where they enjoyed lake living with their extended family and friends. In 2005 they moved to Bloomington where Martha was actively involved with the Monroe County YMCA and St. Thomas Lutheran Church activities. She was nominated for a Bloomington “Be More Award” for her volunteer work with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP.) The last 12 years of her life were spent enjoying life at the Meadowood Retirement Community where she became a well-loved resident. Her family wishes to thank the wonderful staff for their support and care of Martha.

Martha loved swimming, canoeing, hiking, camping, bird-watching—anything outdoors—and instilled that love of nature and its preservation in her children. Martha made friends easily owing to her sense of humor and innate generosity, and she kept those friends for life; some of her dearest friends until the end of her life were friends she made in high school.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Seaman, of Bloomington; her granddaughters Amelia Lahn (Seth) and Marta Deibert Leach (Jordan) of Bloomington, and Shayna,

Jessica, and Hannah Seaman; her grandsons Carson (Michelle), Nathaniel (Heather), Joshua (Emily), and Ari Seaman; and eleven great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Raymond N. Seaman, with whom she celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary shortly before he passed away in 2007; and her son R. Keith Seaman, who died in June of this year.

There will be a visitation/reception on Saturday, November 30, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Bloomington followed by a memorial service from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place at the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Martha's honor to the Camp Logan campership fund of the Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana (formerly the Limberlost Girl Scout Council). donation - <http://www.girlscoutsnorthernindiana-michiana.org/en/give/donate-now.html>. In the words of one of Martha's favorite Hoosier authors, Gene Stratton Porter: "Turn her loose out of doors; give her good books, and leave her alone. You won't be disappointed in the woman who evolves."

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at <http://www.allencares.com>