



## Bernice (Fancher) Cox

June 11, 1924 - January 24, 2013

Bernice Evelyn (Fancher) Cox died after a long and bravely fought battle with Alzheimer's Disease on Thursday, January 24, 2013.

Bernice was born June 11, 1924, in Marengo, IN. Her parents were Claude and Alma (Poe) Fancher. She married William Earl Cox on June 15, 1947.

Earl and Bernice were dry cleaners. They started out in Louisville, Kentucky, where Bernice worked as a model for Bacon's Department Store. Next, they moved to Orleans, where Earl had his cleaners and Bernice owned a dress shop. Their next move was to Logansport, where their daughters were born.

In 1967, they settled down in Bloomington, where they owned and operated Mainway One Hour Martinizing on the south side of town, and Bloomington Cleaners on the North side of town. Bernice handled the financial details and did the alterations for both cleaners. In addition, she was a former president of the American Cancer Society. She worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce as a census taker, traveling across the country performing various surveys. Bernice was an excellent cook and loved to

prepare big meals for family and friends. She lived for the Monroe County Fair, winning the Bake-off several times. She always had a huge garden and was an expert canner.

Bernice is survived by two daughters, Susan Cox Levy (Scott), and Sarah Cox O'Malia (John). She has four grandchildren, Allison and AnneMarie Levy, and Courtney and Cameron O'Malia. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and twin granddaughters, Alexis Mary and Amanda Jane Levy.

The family wishes to thank the Nursing Staff at Golden Living Center for their kind and loving care of Bernice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, or Riley Children's Hospital.

Visitation will be at Allen Funeral Home 4-8 on Sunday, January 27th. Her funeral will be held on Monday, January 28th at 11:00am, with Father Don Davison officiating. She will be interred at Valhalla Cemetery.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ Susan, Sarah, and Families-

*We are thinking of you today, and wish we were there to help you get through this day, which no doubt will be filled with memories, tears, and even a bit of laughter. Grief works in strange ways! Please be sure that we are there with you, in spirit. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*Bernice was a wonderful woman. I will never forget the wild, crazy events- and the love and nurturing I felt when visiting the Cox home! It's the only place I ever ate Chipped Beef and Gravy! Your Mom will be missed, but has definitely touched all who knew her. She is in a better place, that may have become a bit more rowdy after her arrival!*

*Our parents are surely having a beer in Heaven today- and singing! I hope my mother's voice has gotten at least a bit better.*

*Love you All-  
Andrea and David Lentz and Family*

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**Andrea Lentz** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JA

“ *Very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. May she rest in peace. I know you have a lot of good memories and know that she is wrapped in the warmth of heaven and all those who passed before her. God bless.*

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**Jana Coleman-Schneider** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

CH

“ Dear Susan, I am so very sorry for your loss. May God welcome your mom with open arms and may you and your family feel our prayers for you!

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**Christine Battista** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

SU

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Suzanne Feight** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

AB

“ Sarah and Susan, may you be comforted by your fond memories of your Mom at this time.

Fondly,  
Abby Pietsch

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**Abby Pietsch** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

RI

“ Sarah and Susan,

*I am at a loss for adequate words to express my sadness for you. I had the blessed opportunity of knowing your mom, however brief, and I know heaven just received one of the most special angels. You both are a reflection of your mom in the way you treat people with respect and empathy. Not to mention the way you make each person feel loved. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Rick Byers** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JB

“ Sarah and Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. It is very hard losing a parent and I want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jeanne Hardy - Breeden** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JA

“ My heart goes out to all of you. Your mom was a great friend and what a fun time we had!

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**Janet Grove** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM