



## Jean Esther Ann Royal

March 22, 1934 - December 12, 2022

Jean Esther Ann Royal passed away in her home in Bloomington, Indiana on December 12, 2022. She is survived by her five children, Lynette R. Long (Doug), Marla J. Forney (Chuck), Terry R. Harrison, E. Michele Jones (Dan), and Amy J. Royal, as well as by 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Russell Lepisto (Duffy), and her sister, Sarah Nunez (Francisco). She was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Charles R. Royal, Jr., and two other siblings (George Lepisto and Carol Giachino).

Jean was born on March 22, 1934 in Laurium, Michigan to parents of Finnish descent, Arthur and Esther Lepisto. She attended nursing school at the Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota and became a registered nurse.

She married Charles R. Royal, Jr. on May 12, 1956 and they spent the early years of their marriage in El Paso, Texas. In 1969, they moved to Bloomington, Indiana in connection with his involvement in the automobile industry, initially with Royal Chevrolet and subsequently with other dealerships as well.

Jean was a deeply devoted wife, mother and friend. She was keenly interested in Bible study, music, gardening and having afternoon coffee and dessert with family and friends. She was a member of Christ Community

Church and, for many years, was active in Bible Study Fellowship. She often spoke of her love for Jesus Christ and the importance of the gospel. Her morning prayers for many over many years were greatly appreciated and respected.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements. On Sunday, December 18, 2022, a period of visitation will be held there beginning at 1 pm, followed by the funeral at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wheeler Mission in Bloomington or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Service

DEC 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Jean you are and will always be a cherished soul. You will be missed.*

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**Eva Merriman** - December 30, 2022 at 12:10 PM

KC

“ *Our deepest condolences. It's not easy to say goodbye to such a dear friend. We are heartbroken not being there in person but know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you on this difficult day. May the many happy memories diminish the sadness over time. Love, Ms. Cee and Kim.*

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**Kimberli Curtis** - December 18, 2022 at 11:43 AM

FA

“ *I came to CCC about 15 years ago. New to Bloomington with no friends. At Tuesday Women's Bible Study treated me with kindness and talked with me as an equal. I will never forget her kindness.*

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**Fayetta** - December 17, 2022 at 02:03 PM

PB

“ *Jean will be sorely missed i the Bloomington Community. She was a kind woman filled with love and joy.*

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**polly brown** - December 16, 2022 at 04:27 PM

EB

“ Elinor & Alan Badanes purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean Esther Ann Royal.



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**Elinor & Alan Badanes** - December 15, 2022 at 10:14 PM

AT

“ Ana, Mark, & The ACG Team purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jean Esther Ann Royal.



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**Ana, Mark, & The ACG Team** - December 15, 2022 at 08:22 PM

KH

“ Years ago, Jean and I stood side by side in the alto section of the church choir. I remember one time she and I and one of our choir's sopranos sang in a trio together. I can't remember what song we sang, but you can bet the harmony was brilliant, with not one but two rich alto voices! We will miss you, Jean.

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**Krystie Herndon** - December 15, 2022 at 07:01 PM

IR

“ Irene and Dennis Reedy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jean Esther Ann Royal.



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**Irene and Dennis Reedy** - December 15, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Esther Ann Royal.



December 15, 2022 at 12:47 PM



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December 15, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ Your Indiana Wesleyan University Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jean Esther Ann Royal.



**Your Indiana Wesleyan University Family** - December 14, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ Many years ago I had the privy to attend a bible study and your mama was the leader. I say leader because she led me and I'm sure others to love the lord and study. I am so grateful to have been a witness of her love. Thank you for sharing her then. God bless you while you learn to go forward.

**sue ellen kelley** - December 14, 2022 at 01:00 PM