



## Luetta "Lu" Arduș (Fuhrman) Mercier

June 30, 1935 - July 3, 2024

Luetta "Lu" Arduș (Fuhrman) Mercier died peacefully on July 3, 2024 at IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington. She was born in Dubois County near Jasper, IN on June 30, 1935. She grew up on a farm in a German-speaking family of seven and started her education in a one-room school. Her Dubois High School home economics teacher influenced her to go to college and she was the first in her family to do so. She graduated from Indiana State Teachers College (Indiana State University) in 1957 and was the winner of the Home Economics honorary award. During her senior year, she was married on April 28, 1957 to the love of her life, her husband George, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Haysville IN. Upon graduation she joined her husband in Anchorage, Alaska where she taught her first year at Anchorage High School. Statehood was granted to Alaska in 1958 during their stay.

When George returned to Indiana University to complete his physics degree, Lu began teaching in the area and Bloomington became their home. Here they raised two children, Tim and Michelle, while Lu continued her career teaching middle school and high school. She was a dedicated and compassionate educator, and a lifelong learner. She earned Masters and Post-Masters degrees, along with dual licenses in Family and Consumer Science and Chemistry-Physical Science. She also taught and published for IU Continued Studies high school correspondence courses. She taught for 30 years, retiring in 1997, joyfully touching the lives of thousands of young

people. The opportunities Lu had to engage in professional experiences and organizations were endless and she delighted in these activities. She was a member of many professional and philanthropic organizations, including Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Monroe County Teachers Association, and the Family and Consumer Sciences Association.

Lu found her spiritual home at Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington. As a founding and devoted charter member, Lu was actively involved as a Sunday School teacher and numerous church activities and committees. Lu lived an active and vibrant life: she enjoyed travelling with her family and friends, exploring all over the globe and all 50 states. She learned to snow ski in her forties and delighted in many adventures while cruising. Lu is remembered for her talents with culinary and baking skills. She was an avid gardener, with a special knack for growing and sharing a wide range of flowers. Together with George, she volunteered her time and talents to many organizations in the Bloomington community, as a way to acknowledge that all people should be treated with dignity and respect. She shared all of her special gifts generously and graciously, always with a smile on her face and a kind word for each friend she made.

Lu is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, George; her daughter Michelle Mercier-De Shon and son-in-law Freddy De Shon; many cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her son Tim, her sisters Lavella (Paul) Singer and Ruth (George) Elkins, her brothers Emil (Ellen) Fuhrman and Luther Fuhrman.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Faith Lutheran Church 2200 S High St, Bloomington, Indiana. with Rev. Eric Edwards officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church  
2200 S High St  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 332-1668

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ On behalf of the Indiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, please accept our condolences for your loss of Lu. She was a very important part of our organization serving in various offices and on committees. I saw her in recent years when she was honored for fifty years of membership. We will miss her. Roma Jean Bradburn, Fishers, IN.

Roma Jean Bradburn - September 03, 2024 at 08:59 AM

HU

“ Mrs. Mercier was one of my favorite teachers. I think of her often. She touched many lives.

Heather Umphress - September 01, 2024 at 08:52 AM

SB

“ I knew Lu through teaching. She was always friendly, patient and pleasant. A true Christian. My condolences to the family.

Sandy B - August 11, 2024 at 11:29 PM

AC

“ I was Lou's caregiver for months! She always greeted me at the door with a smile. Condolences to Michelle & George :(

Alyssa Cullison - July 20, 2024 at 11:19 PM



Thank you for everything you did, Alyssa. My parents both adored you. We will have a memorial service on September 7 at 11:00am at Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington.  
Love, Michelle 💜

Michelle Mercier - August 02, 2024 at 07:15 PM

LN

“ Loretta Neidigh purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Luetta "Lu" Ardu  
(Fuhrman) Mercier.



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Loretta Neidigh - July 14, 2024 at 04:02 PM

LF

“ Love, Dr. Mercier's MUS 3330 family purchased  
the Country Basket Blooms for the family of  
Luetta "Lu" Ardu (Fuhrman) Mercier.



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Love, Dr. Mercier's MUS 3330 family - July 13, 2024 at 03:36  
PM

TM

“ We absolutely adored Lu. We were truly blessed to know her, and  
are deeply saddened by her loss. Sending love and prayers for the  
entire family.

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Tina Miller - July 10, 2024 at 08:21 AM

CS

“ Chiaki and Kazuko Suematsu purchased the Cou  
ntry Basket Blooms for the family of Luetta "Lu"  
Ardu (Fuhrman) Mercier.



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Chiaki and Kazuko Suematsu - July 09, 2024 at 02:58 AM

CS

“ Chiaki and Kazuko Suematsu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luetta "Lu" Ardus (Fuhrman) Mercier.

Chiaki and Kazuko Suematsu - July 09, 2024 at 02:58 AM

CS

“ Deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Lu Mercier. She was a dear and delightful friend. Especially treasure the memorable family years we shared together as neighbors. My deepest sympathy, love and prayers are with Lu and her family. I will miss her. Connie Sweetana

Constance L. Sweetana - July 08, 2024 at 09:24 PM

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Michelle Mercier - July 08, 2024 at 01:53 PM

HW

“ George and family, I am sad for you after reading about Lu's passing. I've always been fond of you both as being nice, friendly, and such wonderful people. I remember when my daughter and I first met you two in Hilton Head then later as good clients. (I didn't know Luetta was born near Jasper .... I am from Washington). She will be missed. I am praying for you all during this time. Take care George.

Henry Wichman - July 08, 2024 at 01:52 PM



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Michelle Mercier - July 08, 2024 at 01:51 PM



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Michelle Mercier - July 08, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ Jeannie Silvers lit a candle in memory of Luetta Mercier



Jeannie Silvers - July 07, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Mercier. She was my Home Ec teacher at BHSNorth. She was a very kind and caring person. My prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time. 🙏  
Mary Anne (Walker) Thacker Class of 1980

Mary Anne Thacker - July 06, 2024 at 12:59 PM

MA

*I am so sorry to hear about The passing of Mrs. Mercier. She was the best! We were neighbors and her family was so much fun to be around. My sympathy and prayers to her family. She will be missed. 🙏❤️. Meg Muldoon Burger*

MaggiEBurger59@hotmail.com - July 06, 2024 at 04:51 PM

DA

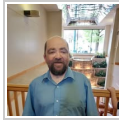
“ *I was a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Edgewood Junior High School in 1990 when I met Lu at FACS meetings. She was inviting and friendly to a newbie in the group and became a mentor for years. We rode together to state meetings and had many laughs. My husband and I would see Lu and George at restaurants, usually Sundays after church! What a blessing Lu was to this teacher!*

Donna Atkinson - July 05, 2024 at 07:48 PM

NH

*What a wonderful person and friend*

Nancy Hardy - July 06, 2024 at 09:55 AM



*I had her as a home economics teacher at bloomington north what a sweet lady*

Jeremy Williams - July 06, 2024 at 12:23 PM

EC

*Lu was truly a lovely person. She was a joy to know and be with. Ron and Evelyn Crowe*

Evelyn Crowe - July 09, 2024 at 11:07 AM