



## Veralyn M Kinzer

October 27, 1936 - April 5, 2019

Veralyn M. Kinzer died April 5th at Indiana University Health Hospice surrounded by her children.

Veralyn, known as Vee to her friends, spent 30 years as a journalist at the Herald-Telephone and Herald-Times. Working her way through virtually every department of the newspaper, beginning as a proofreader after high school and ending with six years as associate editor. In 1984, she left to begin a 14-year career in media relations at Indiana University. She was then the part-time membership secretary at First United Methodist Church in Bloomington, retiring from that position in April 2012.

During her career she served two years as office secretary at the First United Methodist Church. She also lived in Jackson County for a time, where she was a staff writer for the Bedford Times-Mail, then editor of the weekly Brownstown Banner, and lastly a legal secretary in Seymour.

Veralyn was a 65-year member of the First United Methodist Church in Bloomington. One of her greatest joys in life was singing in its Chancel Choir for 44 years. She served as a member of the church's Shalom Community Center governing board, Strategic Planning and Lay Leadership committees, and Chancel Ringers bell choir. She also edited the church's one-time quarterly publication Congregation.

She was a member of Theta Sig journalism fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, the Bloomington Press Club and the National League of American Pen Women. She played the violin in the Bloomington Town Theater and

Bloomington Symphony Orchestras and sang in the Bloomington Pops Chorus.

Veralyn was a lover of music, an avid reader, a student of English Tudor history, a practitioner of the New York Times crossword puzzle, and an enthusiastic fan of Hoosier Basketball. She enjoyed cataloging and digitizing thousands of family photos in meticulous detail. She also spent time watching her favorite television series and could have recited the scripts of Northern Exposure, The West Wing, and every Star Trek series from memory. She loved tending her houseplants and watching the birds come to her feeders. Veralyn devoted herself to her family. Every summer, they enjoyed spending a week together in the great Northwoods of Wisconsin fishing and golfing. She supported the endeavors of her grandchildren and great grandchildren in academics, music and sports by attending countless programs, ceremonies, concerts, and games.

Veralyn was born Oct. 27, 1936 in Monmouth, IL, the daughter of Lynn W. and Vera (Arbogast) Turner. She was a 1954 graduate of University High School in Bloomington. She was married in 1954 to the late Richard L. Martin. In August 1975, she married her partner in life of 42 years, Thomas E. Kinzer, who died April 17, 2017.

Veralyn was the matriarch of a large and loving family. She was Mom to five children and Nana to 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Her children are Debra Holland, Diana Spoolstra (and husband Jim), Donna Martin (and husband Ken Jackson), all of Bloomington, Linda Applegate of Wimauma, FL; and Charles Kinzer (and wife Lori), of Terre Haute.

Grandchildren are Stacy Gano (and partner David Knight), Jarrod Spoolstra, Evan Spoolstra (and wife Christine), Eric Spoolstra, Alex Trisler (and fiance Jenni Zengerling) and Kyla Jackson, all of Bloomington; Jasmine, Alexis and LeLand Kinzer of Terre Haute; Jason Spoolstra of Indianapolis; Rebecca Turner (and husband Bryan) of Floyd's Knobs, IN; Melissa Holland Mansika (and husband Arron) of Boulder, CO; Michele Eimon (and husband John) of Oconomowoc, WI; Robert Applegate of Seffner, FL; Christopher Applegate of

Portage, IN, and Susan McKeever (and husband Travis) of Fort Bragg, NC. Great-grandchildren include Stephanie and A.J. Gano, Vera Lillian and Thad Turner, Gianna and J.R. Spoolstra, Kellan and Haley Spoolstra, Elyria and Xavier Trisler, Alora and Aidan Applegate, Aislyn and Calum McKeever, Lily and Noah Eimon, and Maxwell Mansika.

Also surviving are her sister-in-law, Sue Turner of Lafayette, LA; and nieces Kristen Turner of Southgate, KY, Jessica Turner of Lafayette, LA, and Kathryn Bertrand of Baton Rouge, LA. She is also survived by her in-laws: brothers-in-law John Kinzer and Doug Kinzer (and wife Lauren) of Bloomington; sister-in-law Cyndy Turner of San Antonio, TX; nieces Bettina Sturm and Erin Kinzer of Bloomington, and Michele Turner of San Antonio, TX; and nephews Russell Turner of Tucson, AZ and Victor Kinzer of Chicago, IL.

In addition to her husband, Thomas Kinzer, Veralyn was also pre-deceased by her parents; her brother, I. Bruce Turner of Lafayette, LA; her sister, Sylvia Turner of Lincoln, IL; and sons-in-law Gary Holland and Joseph Applegate.

A memorial service will be held June 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church where we will celebrate her life with love, joy, laughter and tears. A reception will be held immediately following the service at the church. Memorial gifts may be made to the Thomas E. Kinzer Memorial Scholarship (payable to Ivy Tech Foundation), at 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN 47404; and the Charles Webb Music Endowment (payable to First United Methodist Church) at 219 East 4th Street, Bloomington, IN 47408.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Tribute Wall



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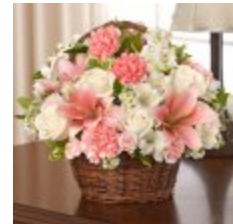


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**Pamela Fitzgerald and Family-- Cincinnati, OH** - June 05, 2019 at 12:22 PM



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