

Julia E. Kauffman, 88 of Bluffton passed away at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2013 at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

She was born on August 27, 1924 in Salem, Indiana to Harry & Mabel (Colglazier) Zink. She attended and graduated from Columbus High School.

On February 25, 1946 in Columbus, Indiana she married Verlin D. Kauffman. They shared 48 of marriage before he preceded her in death on January 27, 1994.

Julia and Verlin owned and operated Kauffman & Sons Construction for 36 years. Along with being a full time mother and grandma, she also worked with Verlin and served as the secretary and handling the clerical side of the family business. She was also a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and a long time member of the St. John Worship Center in Vera Cruz.

Julia is survived by two sons; Gregory (wife Deb) Kauffman and Richard (wife Laurel) Kauffman, both of Bluffton along with 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill (wife Della) Zink of Florida and Richard (wife Mary Jane) Zink of South Carolina; a sister Mary Anderson of Bluffton.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son Bradley Kauffman in 1972, and a brother Gerald Zink.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2013, at the St. John's Worship Center in Vera Cruz, with Rev. Don Rentschler officiating. There will also be calling for one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial will follow at M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Memorial may be made in Julia's memory to the church through the funeral home. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/ Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, 308 West Washington Street, Bluffton, Indiana 46714.

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