



## Nelle Frances Duning

November 25, 1918 - May 29, 2017

Nelle Frances Duning, 98, passed away peacefully on May , 2017, at Golden Rule Living Centers. Nelle was born on November 25, 1918, in Columbus, Ohio, to Joseph and Harriet (Brownlee) Dohmen. She lived in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where she graduated from Mount Vernon High School. She then went to study music at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, where she was the soloist for Chapel Choir for 4 years. She received her Bachelor's degree with vocal as her major and piano and organ as her minor. She worked at a church as organist in Columbus, Ohio, for a year and then Capital Univ. notified her of a job in Richmond, Indiana, as organist and choir director at St. John's Lutheran Church. She took the job where she met her future husband, David Duning, in the choir. In 1941 he enlisted in the Army and served 4 years in England during World War II. Dave and Nelle often told the story of there being 4 years between their first date and second date. When Dave was released from the service he returned to Richmond and they were married on May 12, 1946.

In 1949 they bought a 160-acre farm out on the State Line with half of the farm in Ohio and the other half in Indiana where they raised 4 children and a granddaughter. Nelle taught many students in piano, voice and organ. They came from Richmond, Eaton, College Corner and other small towns around Richmond. Nelle played the organ for services at St. John Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, St. Paul Lutheran, Reid Memorial Presbyterian, and Christian Science churches in Richmond. She was the music teacher at College Corner schools, kindergarten through 12th grade, for several years.

Nelle enjoyed sewing, crocheting, cross-stitch, and needlepoint, making many beautiful blankets, pillow cases and embellishments for many materials.

Nelle is survived by her children: David W. Duning II (Pam), Ellen A. Duning (John Todd), Carl H. Duning (Judy), and Carolyn Duning-Ripp (David). Grandchildren include: Teresa Duning, David W. Duning III (Carol), Elizabeth Duning (David Eldridge), Mila Duning-Hamilton (Ricky), Johnathan Foster-Duning, Curt Duning, Brandee Duning-Neumann (Michael), Sarah Barrangan (Eloy), and Grant Ripp (Kara). Nelle has 18 great

grandchildren, one great-great grandson Isaac, and a great-great granddaughter due the first of June. She was preceded in death by her husband David in 1998, brothers Paul Dohmen, Willard Dohmen and Edmund Dohmen, and sister Mary Dohmen.

Services for Nelle will be held on Saturday (June 3rd 2017) at 12 p.m. in First English Lutheran Church (2727 East Main St. Richmond, IN 47374) Pastor John Walker will officiate. Burial will follow in Lutherania Cemetery. Friends may call on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hand-In-Hand Adult Day Care, 2727 E. Main Street, Richmond, Indiana, 47374.

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# Cemetery

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# Events

**JUN 3**   **Public Viewing**   10:00AM - 12:00PM

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First English Lutheran  
2727 E Main St, Richmond, IN, US, 47374

**JUN 3**   **Funeral Service**   12:00PM - 01:00PM

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**JUN 3**   **Graveside Service**01:00PM - 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Dick &Sherry Kirschner-FELC lit a candle in memory of Nelle Frances Duning



Dick &Sherry Kirschner-FELC - June 03, 2017 at 12:14 PM