



## Marjorie Joyce (Cooper)Esserman

February 9, 1924 - November 15, 2011

Marjorie Joyce (Cooper) Esserman, age 87, of Valparaiso passed away November 15, 2011, at Portage Porter Campus-Portage Hospital, Portage, Indiana. Marjorie was born February 9, 1924, in Gifford, Indiana, the daughter of David Lloyd Cooper and Elsie (Haniford) Cooper. She had lived in Valparaiso since 1953, and previously lived in Steger, Illinois.

Marjorie was a 1942 graduate of Bloom Township High School, Chicago Heights, Illinois. After graduation she worked at Lockheed Company, Los Angeles, California from January to August, 1943. Marjorie enlisted in the U.S. Navy where she served as a W.A.V.E. during World War II. Upon her honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy she attended Valparaiso University, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1949. She later studied at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

On August 2, 1953, in Denver, Colorado Marjorie married Edward Esserman who survives.

She was a teacher in Valparaiso for several years,. She had taught fifth grade while living in Steger, Illinois. Marjorie loved reading, doing crossword puzzles, was a member of National Wildlife and a lifetime member of the Democratic party. She attended the United Methodist Church in Valparaiso and was a former member of the Valparaiso Women's Club.

Surviving with her loving husband Edward are two daughters, Suzanne Esserman, Speedway, Indiana and Victoria Myoda, Wilmington, Delaware and her granddaughter, Sabrina.

Private graveside services will be held at Weston Cemetery, Rensselaer, Indiana with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Memorials may be made to the Gifford Church of God.

# Cemetery Details

## **Weston Cemetery**

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marjorie and my mother were roommates for a short time at Life care center in Valparaiso. What a sweet lady! She had a great singing voice and reminded me of what class was in a person. We got a big kick talking with her and her husband Ed another great person. Our family thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Dave and Cheryl Bachman Chesterton In.*

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**David W. Bachman** - November 18, 2011 at 07:20 PM

VM

*Thank you for your note & kind thoughts, Mr. Bachman. I showed my dad your entry on my computer & he said to tell you hello.*

*Just out of curiosity, do you remember what my mom was singing when you heard her?*

*-Vicki (Esserman) Myoda*

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**Vicki Myoda** - November 21, 2011 at 08:33 PM

DB

*I'm sorry I don't remember. Noree the nurses aid at life care might recall because sometimes they sang together and it was great. Thanks for your response and God Bless to all.*

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**David W. Bachman** - November 24, 2011 at 08:23 PM

DE

“ Meeting Marjorie at St. Mary's Rehab unit and being able to be involved in her care, giving her her first french braids and meeting her family was something that I will hold in my heart. Marjorie shared with me her accomplishments, her love for her husband and daughters and I will never forget how she let the Mr know that "No they don't want to hear all of that". What a great couple they were. God bless to all.  
Dawn Egolf, RN

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**Dawn Egolf** - November 18, 2011 at 10:20 AM

VM

Thank you, Dawn, I heard wonderful things about you & everyone at St. Mary's. Thank you for taking care of (& truly caring for) my mom. Vicki Myoda (the one in Delaware)

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**Vicki Myoda** - November 18, 2011 at 04:59 PM