



## Elin J. Christianson

November 11, 1936 - June 25, 2014

Elin Christianson, nee Ballantyne, age 77 of Hobart, passed away June 25, 2014. She was a graduate of Hobart High School Class of 1954, received her B.A. from The University of Chicago in 1958, and her M.A. in 1961. Elin was the editor of The Hobart Herald from 1953 to 1955. Elin was the head librarian at the J. Walter Thompson Company from 1964 to 1968. Beginning in 1968, she was a library information services consultant and was an adjunct lecturer for the Indiana University and University of Chicago Library Schools. Elin was the editor of the Library Quarterly from 1988-1990. She was the author of numerous professional monographs and articles. For 42 years, Elin worked as an advocate for preserving the history of Hobart. She was president of the Hobart Historical Society from 1980- 2013 and was instrumental in the effort to save Pennsy Depot. She was a member of the Lake County Historic Preservation Coalition. In 2013, Elin received the Hubert Hawkins History Award. She was a Past Matron of Hobart Chapter 314 Order of the Eastern Star, where she had been actively involved since 1981. Elin was a loving wife, mother, sister, and aunt.

She was preceded in death by her parents- Donald B. and Dorothy May (nee Dunning) Ballantyne; brother- Alexander Ballantyne.

She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years- Stan; daughter- Erica (Joseph) Davis; son- David (Yuko) Christianson; sisters- Dorothy Eastwood and Brianne (Clarence) Lowery; several nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to meet with Elin's family on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 2-5 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, IN. A funeral service will follow immediately at 5 p.m. Donations may be made to The Hobart Historical Society. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Elin was always the guiding presence in our Historic Preservation Coalition group, as well as welcome member! She had enlightening contributions to our conversations, even though her sharing had decreased some over the past couple years. Her presence will be sorely missed!!! Big hugs, special caring, and shared memories wished for you, Stan, Erica, and David, and other family members!!

Becky Crabb - June 29, 2014 at 03:30 PM

JO

“ Jia Osiel purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Elin J. Christianson.



Jia Osiel - June 27, 2014 at 09:58 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elin J. Christianson.



June 27, 2014 at 01:53 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Elin J. Christianson.



June 27, 2014 at 12:54 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elin J. Christianson.



June 27, 2014 at 11:43 AM

RS

“ Dear Stan,  
Please accept my deepest condolences at the loss of your beloved wife. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
With warm personal regards,  
Rick Streicher

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**Rick Streicher** - June 27, 2014 at 10:53 AM

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We are so very sorry for the loss to the Christianson family. We have many fond memories of times together when the children were young. Elin was a great role model for our daughters. Elin will be missed. Her many writings will remind us of her contributions that benefit so many.

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**Jan & Virgil Hoftiezer** - June 27, 2014 at 11:02 AM