

Phyllis Dean Shinn, 80 of Bluffton passed away Thursday, November 24, 2011. She was born in Wells County on December 28, 1930 to R. Merle and Mabel (Ifer) Shinn. Phyllis graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio with a Bachelors of Music Degree and she earned a Masters of Music Degree from Yale. She was an accomplished pianist having taught and performed in Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Hawaii. Phyllis was the Pianist for many First Mennonite Church Choral Society Presentations. She accompanied many association presentations including Wells Community Theatre productions. Phyllis was a member of Creative Arts of Wells County and Friends of the Shelter.

Survivors include a sister Dr. Gloria L. Shinn of Bluffton, two cousins Patricia Higgins of Bluffton and Frank Ifer of Bluffton. A memorial service celebrating Phyllis's life will be held at a later date. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com. Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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