



## Miriam "Merv" Cinfel

June 19, 1945 - February 28, 2022

Miriam "Merv" Cinfel, 76, of Indianapolis, passed away February 28, 2022. She was born June 19, 1945 in Lakeview, Oregon to the late Donald and Martha Griffin. Miriam was a graduate of East Central High School, Nebraska. She married Frank Cinfel in 1974, and he preceded her in death October 7, 2007 after 35 years of marriage. Miriam was employed in Human Resources for Boy Scouts of America for many years. She was a former member of Faith Presbyterian Church and a current member of Castleton United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir.

Miriam was a 30-year volunteer for Boy Scouts of America and was totally devoted to her family and grandchildren's activities. She was an avid Colts fan and season ticket holder from 1984 to 2001 and enjoyed listening to the Booth Brothers Trio.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 3, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. Funeral services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Castleton United Methodist Church, 7101 Shadeland Avenue, with visitation one hour prior.

Miriam is survived by her son, Jon Cinfel (Chrissy); grandchildren, Anastasia Cinfel, Shane Cinfel and Blake Cinfel; brother, Gordon Griffin (Julie); and nephews, Steven Griffin (Anissa) and Gary Bright (Leigh Ann).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Castleton United Methodist Church.



# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
[info@shirleybrothers.com](mailto:info@shirleybrothers.com)  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Castleton United Methodist Church  
7101 Shadeland Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46250

## Funeral Service

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MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Castleton United Methodist Church  
7101 Shadeland Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46250

# Tribute Wall



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 04, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Miriam "Merv" Cinfel.



March 03, 2022 at 07:27 AM



“ I was fortunate enough to work with Merv at Crossroads of America Council for a number of years. I really enjoyed our chats in the accounting office. She always took the time to ask me about my day and give me a smile, She was an exceptionally nice person. Thank you for your countless hours of service to the BSA. Our condolences to the family.

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“ Merv was such a caring and supportive woman. When I was in college waiting tables at Alibi's she was one of my regulars. Small thin crust Alibi's special pizza and a tall Guinness, sometimes she would change it up and get wings and a spicy bloody mary. She would sit at the second table in on the upper right side (table 102) just like she had with her husband (who had passed away before I really knew her). We would catch up about school and Scouting. I had recently taken a break from Scouting to finish college but she knew me from my summer camp and ScoutReach years. When I came back to Scouting as a college graduate and District Executive (2010) she was there to welcome me with employment paperwork and help me understand my health benefits. I remember her grinning and saying she was happy to have me back. When I left a few years later to move out of state she did my formal exit interview and we both hugged and cried. We kept in touch through the years years on Facebook messenger. When my travels took me through Indy I would stop in at Alibi's to look for her at table 102. She would always message me and say, "Next time you're in town, drinks are on me!" I was so lucky as a young woman to have someone like Merv in my life, quietly rooting me on while I navigated adulthood. I just found out about her passing this evening and won't make it down for the funeral from Michigan but I'm sure Merv and Frank are up in heaven sharing a Guinness again at their favorite table. Merv, when we meet again, drinks are on me.

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**Corrie Groth** - March 02, 2022 at 07:16 PM

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“ I sat next to Merv in choir at Castleton UMC and loved talking with her. We shared many happy hours visiting together. Merv was always positive. Her glass was never half empty. I so appreciated her outlook on life. I will miss her. Am Hooten

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**Ann Hooten** - March 01, 2022 at 06:44 PM