



## Elisabeth Ann Downer

November 7, 1934 - November 27, 2024

Elisabeth Ann “Lisa” Downer, age 90 of Fort Payne, passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2024. She was born on November 7, 1934 in Germany to the late Anton & Clara Witt Gnatowski. Elisabeth’s family ran for their lives in the dark of the night during the Russian bombing of their town. She never saw most of them again. She would later meet Jerome Downer in England, who was in the United States military. He would bring her to America, where she became a naturalized citizen, after the war and became his faithful wife for 59 years. She called him Hubert. They had a son, Michael Downer and step-son, Ronald Downer. Hubert and Elisabeth were both very hard workers. Elisabeth liked to clean houses for people. They made lifelong friends wherever they traveled. They liked to sing hymns with family and friends and they sang with the seniors, visiting nursing homes and senior centers for many years. She was a member of Hammondville Church of God 7th Day.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Monday, December 2, 2024 at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in the Fischer Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. hour of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Hammondville Church of God 7th Day.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Christopher Downer and Kara Downer. Mrs. Downer was preceded in death by her husband; son and step-son; parents; and 11 brothers & sisters.



# Cemetery Details

## Fischer Cemetery

1321 Fischer Road NE  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home  
3801 Gault Ave. N  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Funeral Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home Chapel  
3801 Gault Avenue North  
Fort Payne, AL 35967  
(256) 845-9150  
wilsonfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<http://www.wilsonfhinc.com>

# Tribute Wall

RL

“ Lisa and Hubert had been ‘my Family in the US’, since Lisa is the sister of my mother. I will miss both of them very much. I had the pleasure to visit them quite some times in Fort Payne being on vacation. Two times we even made it and traveled together to California, by car, visiting Michael and Ron. So we had a lot of happy moments and fun together. Unfortunately, we all missed our Options to see each other more often bringing the Family together. I will miss her very much.

*Ralf, Germany*

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**R. Laudenberg** - December 27, 2024 at 03:38 PM

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“ We met Lisa in Germany and met back up in the states. Lisa and Hubert were lovely people. We mourn their passing and are so sorry for your loss.

*Charlie and Mary Ann Landers*

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**Mary Ann Landers** - November 30, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Elisabeth Ann Downer.



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November 30, 2024 at 09:02 AM

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“ Lisa was one of my best friends. I met her in 1986 and we've been friends since. She lived down the road from me, and many times I went over there to see her. She was a wonderful person. I will miss her, but she is happy now that she gets to be with her husband, Hubert, and sons Ronald and Michael. RIP.

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**Uta Cortimilia** - November 29, 2024 at 07:38 PM