



## Long-time Bristol Book Nook Now Closed

Local book lovers will miss the little Book Nook shop on the corner of Elkhart and Pearl street where after retirement, Bill Strong greeted many customers among the thousands of books collected over the years - from hard backs to paperbacks, first editions and children's books. Strong enjoyed sharing his love of books with young and old. His late wife Mary who died in 2003, had earlier used the building to run her Kitchen Capers Catering Service in the late 90s to early 2000s. Bill passed away in March of 2018, and since that time, his children, Deb, Vanessa and Robert have spent much time sorting memories and holding a home furnishings/book sale in May 2018, followed by several other sales, until the final day in August when they offered free books to the community, including Bristol's own Father Bob. The remaining books and book cases were donated to Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society of Elkhart Co., and nursing homes and charities. The Elkhart Street property is now for sale.

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### Just the Facts:

Mary had often cooked for her sister Jan Myers' Tea Rooms in Elkhart, famous for their sandwiches, soups and pies. In the 60s or 70s, Jan ran an ice cream shop in the Old Store in downtown Bristol. Now the family finds itself in a quandary.

Although the house faces Charles Street, the driveway is on Pearl St., which is where the new alternate truck route will come from S.R. 15 north down Pearl St. and across the new railway tracks out to S.R. 15 South. Potential purchasers of the home are reluctant to buy until the driveway situation is resolved, with a proposed relocation to the side yard.