



Betty J. Day

March 15, 1930 - July 15, 2020

Betty J. Day, 90, of Bluffton, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, July 15. Born on March 15, 1930, in Bluffton, she was the daughter of the late Kay and Mary (Smekens) Bayless. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Marvin L. Day and granddaughter, Jana Day Starr. She is survived by daughters, Susan Day of Lafayette, Sally Day of Bluffton, and Sarah (David) Seligman of Carmel; sons, Scott (Pandy) Day of Sturgis, MI and Steve Day of Bluffton; two grandchildren, Jill (Dustin) Pagels and Daniel Seligman; and two great grandchildren, Nathan and Matthew Pagels. She is also survived by her sister, Sue (Phil) Nelson of Pellston, MI.; a niece and two nephews.

She was a 1948 graduate of Bluffton High School and a lifelong resident of Wells County. She was a member of Eastern Star, Psi Iota Xi, American Legion Post # 111 Women's Auxiliary Bluffton and First Reformed Church. Her greatest joy were her five children and grandchildren. She loved attending their many events and was proud that all of her children and grandchildren were college graduates. She was an avid Purdue fan who enjoyed following Purdue sports and Big Ten basketball.

Friends are encouraged to share your support to Betty's family during a Drive Thru Style visitation that will be held from 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. The funeral home staff will assist you when you arrive so you can greet the family from the safety of your car. Guests must remain in your vehicles while at the funeral

home.

A Private Family Service will take place after visitation on Friday, with Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Riley Hospital for Children or Wells County Bargain Hut.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Drive Thru Style Visitation - All guests must remain in your vehicles

JUL 17. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty J. Day*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *The family has my prayers and sympathy in the loss of their mother.*

Betty and Red Hudgins - July 25, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *Barney lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Day*



Barney - July 22, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Betty was such a sweet lady. I loved talking with her when she would come in the Snug. She would also tell you what she thought and not hold back, I loved that about her. She would always make me laugh. My thoughts and Prayers go out to her family.*

Ruie Penrod - July 18, 2020 at 09:36 AM

Megan Rinker

“ Betty was needing some new carpet installed and since Lowe’s sales specialists were not allowed to sell to family, my Flooring partner Steve gave me his Mom’s job. I remember telling Steve when he came into work one day, “I called your Mom to go over the estimate with her and she seemed short and angry at me on the phone.” “Well what time did you call?” “1 or 2p” Steve shaking his head “Oh no, you made her mad. That’s during her soap operas!” I apologized real quickly!

Megan Rinker - July 17, 2020 at 10:10 AM

KT

“ The Day family has always seemed like family members. Marvin and Betty were like grandparents! You are loved by us all, The Thompson's



Kent And Judy Thompson - July 16, 2020 at 09:59 PM

JS

“ Julie Studebaker lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Day



Julie Studebaker - July 16, 2020 at 09:58 PM

SP

“ Susan, Sarah, Scott, Sally & Steve and extended families, You have my deepest sympathies. I remember your Mother as always being so friendly and kind. Lots of great memories of the 7 Days.

Susan Poulson - July 16, 2020 at 07:29 PM

CM

“ Christopher Myers lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Day



Christopher Myers - July 16, 2020 at 04:40 PM

RA

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I remember going there during school and working on a float, probably for homecoming possibly. Was always made to feel welcome at the Day household. Prayers are with you at this time

Rita (Miller) Atherton

Rita Atherton - July 16, 2020 at 01:01 PM

SS

Yes, several homecoming floats were built in our garage over the years. Mom and dad enjoyed watching our classmates work together on them.

Sarah Day Seligman - July 18, 2020 at 11:12 AM

JR

“ I cannot remember exactly how many, but I'm sure I served Marvin and Betty many a cup of coffee at Maudie's. I know this community along with her family mourns the loss of this grand Lady.



Joseph (Andy) Rugg - July 16, 2020 at 10:13 AM

SS

“ Betty and I were first cousins but sadly I haven't seen her in many years. She was a very sweet lady and my sympathies go out to all you.

*Susie Smekens Studebaker
Palm Harbor, FL*

Suzie Studebaker - July 16, 2020 at 08:56 AM

TT

“ Tim An Julie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Day



Tim an Julie Thompson - July 15, 2020 at 09:49 PM

DN

“ Dwight & Nancy lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Day



Dwight & Nancy - July 15, 2020 at 09:24 PM

JJ

“ Susan, Sally, Scott, Steve and Sarah - Momma left 5 wonderful kids here who will carry her in your hearts forever. It was my pleasure to know Marvin and Betty for many many years and to meet the two of them at the Legion many mornings for breakfast with Lloyd and others. Keeping all of you in my thoughts as it is very hard to lose our parents. Love, Jackie Johnson

Jackwyn Johnson - July 15, 2020 at 09:07 PM

TF

“ *Trudy And Fred lit a candle in memory of
Betty J. Day*



Trudy and Fred - July 15, 2020 at 08:39 PM