



Caroline A. Seese

September 5, 1933 - March 24, 2020

Caroline A. Seese, 86, of Bluffton passed away on Tuesday morning, March 24, 2020, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

She was born on September 5, 1933 in Indianapolis to Winston H. Ashley and Henrietta (Paschen) Ashley-Wright. Caroline graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1951 in Monticello, Indiana where she was the editor of the school paper, the Flashback, in her senior year. She attended and graduated with a B.S. Degree from the Business School of Indiana University in 1955 and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority while there.

She worked along with her husband at the Gallivan, Hamilton, Hamilton, Seese and Patterson Law Firm in Bluffton and retired as the executive legal secretary for Tom Shoaff at the Baker & Daniels Law Firm in Fort Wayne.

Caroline was an active longtime member of the Bluffton First Presbyterian Church; where she worked as the church secretary and treasurer for many years. She served on the legacy committee, was a deacon, and was supportive with the preschool and the day care ministries. Caroline enjoyed knitting baby blankets for every baby born into the Church congregation for the past few years. Also having a love for needlepoint, a canvas could be seen in her hands quite often. An avid sports fan, she had a special place in her heart for IU basketball! She was a member of Tri Kappa and enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially mowing!

Caroline and William D. Seese were married on January 7, 1956 in Monticello, IN and he preceded her in death 18 years to the day of Caroline on March 24,

2002. Survivors include a daughter, Julie Seese-Boroff of Fort Wayne, a niece, Sharon Flittner of Indianapolis, and two great-nephews, Grant Gaunt and David Gaunt, both of Indianapolis. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband William, a daughter, Margaret Anne Seese, a niece, Pamela Kramer and a sister, Constance (Ashley) Kramer-Bash.

A private family service will be held with burial at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. A Celebration of Life Service will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church. 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

Tribute Wall



“ *Caroline A. Seese*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Julie, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. I have so many fond memories of your parents. They spent a short time living with us when they first moved to Bluffton. Your mother loaned me a dress to wear on prom night, and of course the time I spent babysitting you and Margaret, and keeping horses at your barn. So many wonderful times. We have talked a few times since we moved to Arizona reminiscing about IU, good times in Bloomington, and you girls. What a wonderful lady! She will be missed. Fondly, Janie Hamilton Seiller*

Janie Hamilton Seiller - November 11, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *Julie, I am so sorry for your mom's passing. I know how you went and visited with her all the time and enjoyed your needle point trips to the thread shop and the framing shop. Know that you are in my thoughts and let your memories help you through this hard time. Your friend and neighbor, Amy Allen*

Amy Allen - March 29, 2020 at 07:33 PM

JH

“ Dear Julie,
I am so saddened to hear about your mom's death. I have thought so often of her and may times during this virus crisis that she and I should be talking about it. I just reread a letter yesterday that she sent me 5 years ago after Phil's death. She imagined Phil joining your dad, Bill Fryback, and Bill Trubey playing basketball in Heaven. Now she can be there to cheer them on. She was such a wonderful friend and confidante, one of my oldest and dearest friends and probably the first woman I met in Bluffton in 1967. The world is a better place for having her in it, and she will be missed deeply by those who loved her. You are not alone in your grief, and I pray you find comfort and peace in the days to come. Love and blessings,
Judy Hazelton

judith d hazelton - March 28, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Caroline was the church secretary when we first came to First Presbyterian Church in 1973. She had a kind word and a smile for us every time she saw us, and made us feel so welcome. From the day we met her, she always had that same sweet smile, and the same kind words, or a story to tell, or some needlepoint project to share. She was a special lady in our eyes!

Debbie Elkins - March 28, 2020 at 06:58 AM

AS

“ I have admired Caroline for several years, but more recently while we have both been living here at Christian Care. She was one sweet lady. I admired her very much. She will be missed by many.

Arleen Smith - March 27, 2020 at 03:23 PM

AS

“ I'm sorry to hear that Caroline has left us. My memories of her are from the 1960's when Bill and my dad practiced law in the same firm. These were the "Camelot" years and she seemed like a Bluffton version of Jackie Kennedy - she was so charming, elegant, and beautiful! All of the "girls" back then passed around the same maternity clothes, and I remember how excited Bill and Caroline were when Julie and Margaret were born. May you find comfort and peace knowing she touched many hearts.

Ann Hamilton Shields - March 27, 2020 at 05:18 AM

WG

“ My heart and prayers go out to the family members of Caroline. Of course I will remember Bill and Carolyn working at dad's office. Bill was actually my last attorney which I had business with at the law firm. Julie and Margaret were much too young to remember my coming to their farm, visiting and occasionally throwing a line into the pond to catch one of those 'monster fish' that Bill used to brag about. RIP my friend, Carolyn.

Bill Gallivan

William Gallivan - March 27, 2020 at 03:47 AM

MB

“ We send our condolences to the family of Caroline, who always left a room or a conversation with an uplift. We enjoyed a brief chat with her just a few weeks ago while out walking. In earlier times at the Creative Arts Center, she was a highly valued volunteer who fulfilled needful office tasks with brilliant accuracy and a delightful ease and manner. She was creative and had an "eye" for artistic quality. We will miss her and wish her family members peace.

Maureen and Tom Butler - March 26, 2020 at 09:50 PM

MD

“ Julie: So many fond memories over the years.... her infectious laugh, her broad smile, her business sense (Monticello corp), her love of her family and both you and Margaret, her taking care of Bill and being an absolute delight when she stopped at the office and said hello to all of us...and then working on taxes with Vic and the gang, oh my, those stories are abundant. And then her church family too, seeing to us and being there. I am so glad she came to the anniversary celebration, a special day for all of us. Please know we grieve with you and I will miss her. We will celebrate her life, with all of us together as that is what she would want us to do. Until then, take care and be at Peace. Melanie

Melanie Durr - March 26, 2020 at 12:54 PM

GS

“ I remember Caroline when I lived in Bluffton. Her and I were in a bridge group together and also Tri Kappa. She was a great lady and I considered her a good friend. RIP Caroline.

Georgia Schmidt

Georgia Schmidt - March 25, 2020 at 05:49 PM

PB

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother! She was an awesome lady! May God bless you and the rest of the family! Phyllis Brotherton (nurse who helped care for your Mother).

Phyllis E. Brotherton - March 25, 2020 at 05:37 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Moore-Baker lit a candle in memory of
Caroline A. Seese*



Nancy Moore-Baker - March 25, 2020 at 12:31 PM