



Mrs. Catherine Maxine Starr

November 29, 1921 - September 17, 2013

Catherine Maxine Starr, 91 of Bluffton passed away at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Maxine was born on November 29, 1921 in Bluffton to George Martin & Alice Sadie (Niblick) Lautzenheiser. She graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1936. On March 1, 1941 in Bluffton she married L. William Starr. He preceded her in death in 1987.

A lifelong resident of Bluffton, Maxine worked at the RS & M Color Lab for 20 years. She also was the owner /operator of The Candle Shop for 8 years retiring in 1981. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served on the Board of Directors of the Council on Aging for 10 years during the time of building the new facility.

Survivors include a son Gregory L. (wife Rebecca) Starr of Bluffton along with 2 grandchildren Diana (husband Greg) Hiday of Bluffton and Douglas (wife Ronda) Starr of Greenwood, Indiana along with 6 great-grandchildren and a sister Rosie Swartz of Bluffton.

She is preceded in death by siblings; Helen Shatto, Harold Lautzenheiser, Robert Lautzenheiser, Mary Reed, Eileen Liby, Bill Lautzenheiser, George Lautzenheiser, Jr. and Jack Lautzenheiser.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4 to 8 at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. A service to celebrate Maxine's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2013 in the funeral home, with calling for one hour prior to the service. Rev. Greg Rittenhouse will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Maxine's memory to Family Life Care or Christian Care Retirement Community. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Catherine Maxine Starr*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Greg and family,
I send my condolences to you. Maxine and I are members of the class of 1939, so we have known each other for many years. I particularly treasure my time of seeing her in church every Sunday. I'll always have fond memories of her.
With love and peace to you,
Betty Cline*

Betty Cline - September 21, 2013 at 05:23 PM



“ *Dear Greg and family...
I send you my condolences..... Maxine and I were good friends from the class of 1939..... We enjoyed seeing each other at church.... I'll always cherish my memories of her.
Wishing you love and peace,
Betty Cline*

Betty Cline - September 21, 2013 at 03:13 PM



“ *Betty Cline lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Maxine Starr*



Betty Cline - September 21, 2013 at 03:01 PM

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“ Greg,

Just wanted to let you know how sorry I am to learn of your mother's death. She and your Dad were so great in leading the MYF when we were in high school. I know they spent many social occasions with Mom and Dad and were good friends of theirs.

Your mother made a really sweet hand knit baby blanket for me when I was pregnant for Katharine. It was one of her favorites.

Many blessings, Linda Haifley Fronk

Linda Fronk - September 20, 2013 at 06:18 PM