



Christie A. Petzel

March 9, 1942 - March 6, 2021

Christie A. Petzel, 78 of Bluffton passed away Saturday afternoon March 6, 2021 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Christie was born March 9, 1942 in Bluffton to James W. Poston and Mary E. (Flowers) Poston.

Christie was a 1960 graduate of Bluffton High School. She enjoyed teaching piano, accordion, and baton throughout the years. Christie started her career as secretary to a colonel at Langley Airforce Base in Norfolk, Virginia. From there she worked as a legal secretary for the law firm of Gallivan and Hamilton. Later she served in the County Treasurer's office followed by becoming deputy auditor in the County Auditor's office. She served as the City Clerk-Treasurer for the city of Bluffton from 1980 to 1992 where she received state recognition for perfect audits. Following retirement, she ministered to others sharing the love of Christ while teaching English as a second language to students around the globe. She was a 50 plus year member of the Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene.

On March 25, 1961 in Bluffton, Christie married the love of her life, Jerry W. Petzel. They have shared 59 years of marriage together.

Survivors include her husband Jerry W. Petzel of Bluffton, two daughters, Jane E. Lampman (Michael) of Bluffton, Mary M. Murray (Michael) of Bluffton, a son Christopher A. Petzel (Erin) of Albany, Indiana, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two more great-grandchildren on the way.

Christie was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter Lydia

Marie Murray.

A service to celebrate Christie's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene, 1515 Clark Avenue with Pastor Tim Miller officiating. There will be one hour of visiting prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Calling hours will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2021, also at the church. When entering the church for visitation and the service, please enter through the west entrance off Clark Avenue. Memorials may be made to the church.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for the funeral service. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene
1515 Clark Avenue
Bluffton, IN 46714

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene
1515 Clark Avenue
Bluffton, IN 46714

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christie A. Petzel*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 09, 2021 at 10:01 AM

SK

So sorry for your loss. Jerry, Mary, Janie, Christopher & Families. We continue to pray for all of you. I bet Aunt Mary's glad to see her. 🙏🙏
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Susie Kruse - March 14, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Christie A. Petzel*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

RP

“ *Elizabeth, We are so saddened to hear about the passing of your grandmother. We are praying for you and your family and pray God gives you comfort and peace through this difficult time.*

Robie Prater - June 12, 2021 at 03:53 AM

GW

“ Jerry, Jane & Mike, Mary & Mike, Christopher & Erin, and families,

Our hearts were so saddened to hear of Christie's passing. We have so many sweet memories of our times with her and all of you. We shared many joys and sorrows while we were privileged to be part of the Bluffton church. When I (Gloria) think of her I remember how she exuded such a joyful spirit that brought a smile to those around her. What a blessing to have known her. Thank you for always welcoming us into your family.

Please know our deepest love and prayers are with you all at this difficult time and in the days ahead. May the peace of Jesus continue to give you His strength and comfort.

*In Christ's love,
Dan and Gloria White*

Gloria White - March 11, 2021 at 03:03 PM

BG

“ Jerry, Mary and family, We are sorry to learn of Christie passing. In a quiet way, she helped so many. Blessings to all of you. Marion and BJ Gray



BJ Gray - March 11, 2021 at 01:37 PM

TR

“ So sorry to hear of Christie's passing. She was a great lady to work with.

Tami Runyon

Tami Runyon - March 10, 2021 at 11:21 AM

LR

“ I am so saddened to hear of Christie's passing. I owe a lot to this lady...for she was the instrument that got Tony and I together. She knew him from the Courthouse, and me from church. She thought we needed to get together....and we did.....and we have been married for 45 years now.....

I always appreciated her steadfast Christian faith, and her smile.

I pray for God to grant you His Peace in coming days, weeks, and months as you remember her.

*Sincerely,
Linda Reiff*

Linda Reiff - March 10, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RM

“ *Thinking of you and praying for you at this difficult time.*

Ruth Ann Monroe - March 10, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CK

“ *Our condolences are with you and your families. I appreciated Christie so much and enjoyed the time I worked with her in the Spanish class at church. Love and prayers go out to all of you.
Claudia & CJ Klingaman*

Claudia Klingaman - March 10, 2021 at 08:10 AM

RR

“ To Jerry, Jane, Mary. Chris and all your families,
A great tribute you made for your wonderful wife and mother, Many memories over the years she gave us and a witness that she was child of God. May her memories inspire all of us to do more for the cause of Christ. May the Holy Spirit give you strength and peace. We are sorry we cant be with you at this time, but our hearts are with you all.

In Christ,
Ruben and Carol Rodriguez

Ruben Rodriguez - March 09, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christie A. Petzel.



March 09, 2021 at 04:51 PM

LP

“ Linda, Amy, Pam and Paula purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Christie A. Petzel.



Linda, Amy, Pam and Paula - March 09, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christie A. Petzel.*



March 09, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *What awesome lady she was. My prayers are with you all. Hugs*



Jim Sue Ryder - March 09, 2021 at 07:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christie A. Petzel.*



March 08, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ *To Jerry, Mary, Jane and Christopher and the whole family, My family and I send sincere sympathies and prayers for your loss. Christie and Jerry was dear friends to my mom and dad, she was like a second mom growing up to me and my sister MaDonna. She will be dearly missed but know she's up in heaven with god and the Angel's singing beautiful songs.*
-Paula (Hariis) Brown-

Paula Brown - March 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of Christie's passing. Your are in our thoughts and prayers. Praying for peace, comfort, and strength during this time.

Martha & Irene Poling - March 08, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ 130 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - March 08, 2021 at 02:53 PM

CD

“ Jerry, Mary, Jane, & Family, You have our deepest sympathy on your loss. She was a wonderful to have known. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ed & Celia Dunmoyer

Celia Dunmoyer - March 08, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christie A. Petzel.



March 08, 2021 at 12:50 PM

DN

“ Dunkirk church of the Nazarene purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Christie A. Petzel.



Dunkirk church of the Nazarene - March 08, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Christie A. Petzel.



March 08, 2021 at 11:41 AM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. I will be praying for the family.

Tom Fett - March 08, 2021 at 11:32 AM

PB

“ Christie was one of the finest women I have ever had the privilege of knowing. Her strong Christian faith, deep love of her family and serving heart to so many are a testament of her amazing impact on so many people. I am so glad that I had the chance to share my family and many special occasions with her. She was a wonderful lady.

*Patti Buchanan
Dunkirk, IN*

Patricia Buchanan - March 08, 2021 at 11:31 AM

LD

“ *Lisa And Sally Dillon lit a candle in memory of Christie A. Petzel*



Lisa and Sally Dillon - March 08, 2021 at 11:13 AM

LW

“ *Lesia Wood lit a candle in memory of Christie A. Petzel*



lesia wood - March 07, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christie A. Petzel.*



March 07, 2021 at 09:58 PM

CH

“ *Christopher and the Petzel family,
Sending my condolences and sympathy to you. I am so sorry for your loss.
Kind Regards,
Clint Holloway, Nashville, TN*

Clinton J. Holloway - March 07, 2021 at 08:54 PM

DG

“ Sorry to learn of Christie's passing. She will be truly missed. We worked together when she was the Bluffton City Clerk. The Petzel family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom Bluffton IN



Dan Gerdom - March 07, 2021 at 06:51 PM