



Frances Ruth Bayless

April 6, 1915 - August 16, 2008

Frances Ruth Bayless, 93, died at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, August 16, 2008 at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Born in Blackford County on April 6, 1915 to James N. and Nellie Jane (Cole) Mannix, she married Max H. Bayless in Hartford City on June 18, 1946; he died July 15, 1984.

After graduating from Hartford City High School in 1933, she received her teaching training at Ball State Teachers College and St. Francis College. She taught at Blackford County Elementary School and at Lancaster Elementary, retiring in 1974. She has been a resident of Wells County since 1946.

She was a member of the First Reformed Church of Bluffton, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, the Wells County Historical Society and the Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include two sons, Ancil L. (Marcella) Bayless of Keene, Texas and John A. (Sue) Bayless of Houston, Texas; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Wed. at 10:30 a.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with Dr. Gene Bell officiating. Calling hours there will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in the St. Paul Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the First Reformed Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
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Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Ruth Bayless*

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“ *Sorry to hear about Frances' death. I admired her as a teacher at Lancaster in the 60's; I was a teacher also and she was very friendly to me.*

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“ *Mrs. Bayless was my first grade teacher at Lancaster Central School. She was my first teacher as they did not have kindergarten in this area at that time. She was always very kind to me and a good example. She amazed me when I would see in town or at Richards Restaurant because she always remembered my name. I have problems remembering names but not hers. I had her for the 1962-63 school year. She never seemed to get any older to me. She was always the same. A great lady. She will be missed.###imported-begin##Katherine Bedwell (Shaffer)###imported-end##*

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