



## G. Joan (Collins) Schwartz

November 6, 1931 - April 26, 2010

G. Joan (Collins) Schwartz, 78, of Bluffton, died at 10:55 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Schwartz was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 6, 1931, to John and Mary Lucille Stewart Patty. She married Brooks J. Collins in 1949; he preceded her in death in 1960. She then married John H. Schwartz in 1979; he preceded her in death in 1993. A 1949 graduate of East Union High School, Mrs. Schwartz was a homemaker and a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Geneva, the American Legion Auxiliary in Bluffton, and The Fountain Church. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society, and enjoyed her family, flowers, and going to garage sales.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Martin Collins of Bryant and Richard (Diana) Collins of Jasper; three daughters, Mary Beth Collins of Bluffton, Janis (Mike) Eggers of Williamsburg and Kathy Jean (Nigel) Bramwell of Kalamazoo, Mich.; three sisters, Mary Jane (Charles) Harnish McKnight of Bluffton, Wilma Hall of South Carolina and Velma Johnson of Berne; one brother, John (Brenda) Patty of Ocala, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, two step grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at the funeral home, with Pastors Tim Atkins, Jerimi Meyers and Travis Buckler officiating. Burial is at Elm Grove Cemetery, in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the Fountain Church Building Fund.

Please visit [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com) to leave online condolences.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
[info@thomarich.com](mailto:info@thomarich.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of G. Joan (Collins) Schwartz



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Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - April 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ G. Joan (Collins) Schwartz

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Joan, you are so greatly missed and still so hard to believe you aren't here. Don't know how many times I've stopped myself from sending you an e-mail joke. We had a lot of fun times and good memories though, so for that I am thankful. Love you!###imported-begin##Patty Harnish##imported-end##

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June 01, 2010 at 10:48 AM



“ Mary Beth, I was so sorry to learn of Joan's death. I only heard about it on Saturday and am so sorry that I didn't get to come to the service. I enjoyed knowing Joan very much, and talked with her recently at the Home and Garden Expo. She was always a great help with the support group at Hope that I facilitated, and everyone that came appreciated her. God Bless you.##imported-begin##BJ Gray##imported-end##

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May 03, 2010 at 09:13 PM



“ Hello Mary, Sorry about you mom,I just heard about her passing. haven't seen her or for a long time but, always enjoyed talking to you both.  
May God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Millie Ellis##imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 08:33 AM



“ You have always been in my heart thur out my life, I saw my grandmother thur you. I saw the happyness you brought to others. Thank you for being part of my life and i pray your new jounery is warm and wonderfull and when its my time to make the same journey you will great me with a hello

love you  
clint##imported-begin##John C. Patty##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 04:04 PM



“ I want to extend my condolences to Joan's family. Joan and I were friends when I lived in Bluffton--I left in 2002. In 1994 Joan participated in the newly formed Grief Support Group--we both had lost our husbands in 1993--and continued her active involvement for the next five years. For the years that we shared time, tears, laughter, stories Joan was very special. I shall keep her and you in my thoughts and prayers as you travel this grief journey.##imported-begin##Ann Platt##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 09:28 AM



“ I an so very very sorry that my beloved sister has left us. I'm so glad that we all have our special special memories to keep in our hearts of Joan.

*Our love and blessings go out to her children and grand-children.*

*I regret not being able to be there in person but my heart and love is there and goes out to all of you.*

*Aunt Wilma##imported-begin##Wilma Hall##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2010 at 09:05 AM



“ Only knew Joan for only a few years. She kept to her word & was a good neighbor##imported-begin##Mike Gilbert##imported-end##

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April 28, 2010 at 03:35 PM



“ Dear Friends: I want to express my condolences to you on Joan's passing. She had been attending our Senior Expo program. I have enjoyed getting to know and work with you Joan in some of the classes we had offered. May you know God's peace and comfort in this time. Cindy Osgood, Bluffton First UMC##imported-begin##Rev. Cindy Osgood##imported-end##

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April 28, 2010 at 01:54 PM



“ To Jo's family:

*I became acquainted with Jo several years ago when I attended the grief support group at Ann Flaningam's office. I admired her spirit, resilience and ability to survive in spite of the sad events that had occurred in her life. She will be missed in group and I will keep your family in my prayers.*

*Suzanne Feedback##imported-begin##Suzanne Feedback##imported-end##*

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April 28, 2010 at 11:52 AM



“ My Aunt Joan was a dear person to me and ever so generous when we needed help with foods at family events: she never failed to over-supply. Bless her heart. We shared many memories and laughs and sorrows through the years we have had: I will truly miss stopping in for a chat, looking at pictures, and sharing the news of family. She was a person that was always cheerful and happy to see me; I truly feel her passing deeply in my heart. Will miss her so much!!##imported-begin##Neice Penny Bercot##imported-end##

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April 27, 2010 at 06:44 PM