



Juanita J. Ivins

January 8, 1936 - March 9, 2026

Juanita J. Ivins, 90 of Bluffton passed away Monday morning, March 9, 2026, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Juanita was born on January 8, 1936, in Hollywood, West Virginia to Robert and Ethel (Nicholas) Wood. She graduated from Liberty Center High School with the class of 1955. It was during high school that she met Kaye Ivins, and they were married on July 9, 1955, at Liberty Center Baptist Church by Rev. Raymond King. They were blessed to share 70 years of marriage before Kaye's passing on August 18, 2025.

Juanita worked and retired as a teaching aide in the Reading Lab at Columbian Elementary School. She enjoyed spending time with her family, camping, cooking and especially the family trips to the Michigan Dunes. She was a member of the Bluffton Church of the Nazarene for many years, and enjoyed helping her husband, Kaye, release butterflies.

Survivors include her children, Pam (Angel) Bermudez, Liane (Sam) Hirschy and Cory (Shelly) Ivins, all of Bluffton, eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Kaye, a sister, Judy Haver and brothers, Robert H. "Woodie" Wood Jr. and Willie Lee Wood.

A graveside service will be held at 1 P.M. on Friday, (March 13, 2026) at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with Pastor Tim Miller and Pastor Scott Keiser officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene, Wells

County Food Bank or Friends of the Quabache State Park.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

PUBLIC GRAVESIDE SERVICE

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Juanita J. Ivins*.



March 12 at 09:03 AM



“ *Pam I am so sorry to hear about your Mother. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

Jane Russell - March 11 at 01:05 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of *Juanita J. Ivins*.



March 10 at 11:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Juanita J. Ivins*.

March 10 at 11:23 PM



“ *Liane, condolences to you and your family.*

Kim Parker - March 10 at 10:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Juanita J. Ivins.*



March 10 at 08:22 AM



“ *Always so kind. She and Kaye spent many hours at Ouabache volunteering. Our condolences to her family.*

Louise Miller - March 10 at 08:00 AM



“ *Dear Pam, Liane, and Cory so very sorry for your loss of your dear sweet Mother Juanita! Your Mom and Dad was the very best two Christian people ever! Now they both can rejoice up in Heaven with Jesus! Our Prayers be with u as u grieve your loss of your Mother! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 God give u all Peace, Grace, and Comfort in the days, weeks, months, and years to come! God Bless the Ivins Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen!*



Barry Crosbie - March 10 at 12:15 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Juanita's passing. I have many fond memories of her over the years. You are all in my thoughts.*

Diana Boyle - March 09 at 08:37 PM

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“ *Sending our condolences. Thinking of you Liane.*

Sharolyn Stoppenhagen - March 09 at 08:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Juanita J. Ivins.*

March 09 at 08:32 PM

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“ *Your mom/grandma was the sweetest lady! We ate lunch together at Columbian Elementary where we worked together. I still have the recipes she so generously shared. She leaves a great legacy with her beautiful family. Sending love and hugs.*

Peggy (Bowman) Schamerloh

Peggy Schamerloh - March 09 at 08:26 PM