



Judy Ray Bierie

December 10, 1945 - December 5, 2019

Judy Ray Bierie, 73, of Plymouth, Indiana passed away Thursday morning, December 5, 2019 at Katherine Kasper Home in Plymouth.

Judy was born on December 10, 1945 in Bluffton to Truman W. and Helen E. (Ray) Bierie. She attended Bluffton Harrison Elementary School and high School and enjoyed spending ten years at Lake Tippecanoe in the summers. Judy attended college at Ball State and received an B.S. in Education and a Master of Arts in Teaching in 1969. She was a member of the Ball State marching band and played in the first concert before a game on Wrigley Field. She was also a member of the Wind Ensemble.

After graduation from Ball State, Judy taught elementary music at Norwell and then moved to Plymouth, where she was the band and choir director for 31 years at Oregon-Davis Schools.

Judy was raised as a member of the Reformed Church in Bluffton. She attended Crossroads Evangelical Free Church in Plymouth where she was baptized and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

Judy was a lifetime member of the Indiana State Teacher's Association. She was a member of the Madame Alexander Doll Club since 1983 and enjoyed going to the conventions and talking to people about dolls.

She enjoyed going to concerts of all types, musicals and plays and she enjoyed traveling.

Judy loved being with her family. She have many friends in Bluffton and Plymouth who became family to her.

She is survived by a niece, Nicole Michelle Bierie of Waterford, MI, a companion Richard Featherstone of Plymouth, and good friends, John & Terri Hensler and Dr. Joel & Lynn Schumacher of Plymouth.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gene Bierie.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon on Monday (Dec. 9th) at the First Baptist Church in Bluffton with Pastor Les Cantrell officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon on Monday at the church, prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Judy's memory to the First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

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

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry St.
Bluffton, IN

Service

DEC 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Judy Ray Bierie*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *She was a great band teacher and loved by all. God Bless You!*

Kathy Hayes Roberts - December 07, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ *Ms. Bierie was my band teacher 1978-1986 and was absolutely one of my favorite teachers. She was so patient and always willing to take time out of her day to help her students. She will be remembered always.*



Pam Thompson - December 07, 2019 at 12:56 AM



“ *So many good memories of Miss Bierie from school but most recently of visiting with her at Catherine Kasper while there to see my dad. She enjoyed playing cards with the gang there and always had a smile on her face. I would comment on how nice she looked in her beautiful tops with bling on them and she told me she got most of them from Quaker Factory on QVC. It was so nice to chat with her and reminisce about days gone by. RIP Judy, you will be missed* ❤️

Cathy Cleveland - December 06, 2019 at 07:05 PM

SP

“ I m so sorry for your loss. I was a choir student of Judy's back in the early 1970's. I remember one concert we were doing in the spring . Judy always giving us the que to smile , just then a fly landed on her nose and would not leave, and here she is conducting us and, trying to blow the fly off her nose, and here we are trying to keep it all together. one thing for sure we were really SMILILING ! Judy you will be profoundly missed.



shannon lehiy preston - December 06, 2019 at 02:08 PM

DB

“ Judy took our O-D High School choir class to see Fifth Dimension in South Bend, was my first concert, and always appreciated her love and support of students!!

Debbie Boudreau - December 06, 2019 at 01:41 PM

NA

“ sweet heart of a lady RIP Judy

nina akers - December 06, 2019 at 09:19 AM

LH

“ Thankful for Miss Bierie's influence in my life. She encouraged my interest in music and traveled with me and my parents to Ball State for my piano audition when I was a senior at OD. She was very kind to my family and I substitute taught many times for her later in my life. What a wonderful laugh she had!

Lita Bergstrom Hall - December 06, 2019 at 08:53 AM

KR

“ I taught with Judy at Oregon-Davis for many years and she also taught my children. She was such a kind person . I loved her laugh. She seemed to always take changes in her teaching assignments with such a positive outlook. I never heard her say a negative thing. I was able to reconnect with her at Catherine Casper while my dad was there last year and we enjoyed our frequent talks. I am honored to have been blessed with her friendship. Rest in Peace Judy!

Kris - December 05, 2019 at 09:06 PM

JH

“ So sorry for the loss of Judy, my friend of 40 years and coworker at Oregon-Davis. Had many fun times with her over the years. RIP Judy Ray!!

Janice Hughes - December 05, 2019 at 08:49 PM

MH

“ Miss Bierie was the most wonderful lady. Always a smile on her face. She made music fun and was an inspiration to all her students. She will be greatly missed.

Marti Sult- Holland - December 05, 2019 at 08:12 PM



Very good lady she taught my kids PRAYERS

Catherine Lawler - December 06, 2019 at 09:24 AM

BS

So sad to hear! Judy was a wonderful person, She will be missed!

Bonnie Smith - December 06, 2019 at 07:28 PM

SB

I worked with Judy for many years at OD. She was always willing to help anyone and had a beautiful laugh, even if it was at her expense. RIP Judy.

Shirley Budka - December 07, 2019 at 09:05 PM