



Kathleen Swinford

July 15, 1928 - August 27, 2022

Kathleen Swinford, 94 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday afternoon, August 27, 2022, at River Terrace in Bluffton.

Born on July 15, 1928, in North Judson, Indiana to Adam & Velma (Bane) James. She graduated from North Judson High School with the class of 1946 and graduated from Franklin Beauty College in Logansport. A Bluffton resident since 1969, Kathleen worked alongside her husband and served as the bookkeeper of Briner Building, Inc. from 1969 to 1983, and Bluffton U-Store from 1984 – 2020. In her retirements, she volunteered at the Bargain Hut, and was a member of the Wells County Master Gardeners Club. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens, watching birds and reading. Kathleen was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church.

On June 2, 1950, in Frankfort, Kathleen and George Swinford were married. They shared 58 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on April 23, 2008.

Survivors include a son, Mike (Debbie) Swinford of Fort Wayne, four grandchildren; Krista Swinford and Nick Swinford, Jennifer (Ty) Miller, and Sarah (Frank) Johnson, along with 8 great-grandchildren; Hunter Battell, Triston, Ellie, and Hattie Miller, and Devin, Corian, Dillan, and Emma Jane Johnson, with her 9th grandson arriving soon.

She is also survived by a sister, Carol Brownsburger of Elkhart, IN; and a brother-in-law; Bob (Shirley) Swinford of Lafayette, IN,

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and a son, Ronald Swinford, a brother, Bob James and sister, Muriel Baker.

Funeral services will be at 11 A.M. on Thursday (September 1, 2022) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Sherrie Drake officiating. Directly following the funeral service, there will be a luncheon and reception in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, directly across the street of the funeral. All are welcome to join the family for a graveside committal service at 2:30 P.M. on Thursday, at Fairview Cemetery, following the reception.

Calling Hours will be held from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Wednesday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials may be made in Kathleen's memory to the First United Methodist Church, Eleos Hospice Care or River Terrace Estates.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Funeral Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

SEP 1. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Swinford*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

BS

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Take comfort in knowing that she is in the palm of God's hand. John and Barb Snider*

Barb & John Snider - August 31, 2022 at 06:26 PM

BT

“ *Bob & Jan Thomas purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathleen Swinford.*



Bob & Jan Thomas - August 31, 2022 at 02:15 PM

KC

“ *Jen & Sarah,*

So sorry to hear of your grandmother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your families.

~Kristin (Berger) Cochran

Kristin Cochran - August 31, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Swinford.*



August 30, 2022 at 08:09 PM



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August 30, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *70 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 30, 2022 at 03:50 PM

BG

“ *So sorry to read of Kathleen passing. We met through the Master Gardener program. She was the first Vice-president when the group organized and was a very hard worker for the association and donated many Canna's for the plant sales. Several times I would stop by the U-Store when seeing her car at the office and we would chat awhile. If Kathleen saw my car at the U-Store she would come back and say, "Hey "kid", I thought that was you! She always seemed much younger than her age and was a ball of fun! In the fall, she loved attending the Purdue 50 year reunion with her husband. She stayed active even as she aged "gracefully" and was always impeccably dressed. It was a treat when visiting her in her home and in her garden. She was a pleasure to know and anyone who knew her should have a richer life because of it.*



BJ Gray - August 30, 2022 at 12:04 PM

GR

“ *Mike & Debbie, our sincere condolences and prayers for you and your family. Glenn & Rhonda Ryan*

Glenn A Ryan - August 30, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Swinford.*



August 29, 2022 at 09:15 PM