



Kay Sue Hiester

February 8, 1946 - June 11, 2015

Kay Sue (Davison) Hiester, 69, of Bluffton, passed away at 4:15 P.M., June 11, 2015 at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton. Kay was born in Bluffton on February 8, 1946 to Vaughn and Margie (Richardson) Davison. Kay graduated from Lancaster Central in 1964 and went on to earn her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Ivy Tech, among other certifications.

Kay married Thomas Wayne Hiester on June 5, 1965 in Bluffton, and they just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Kay was a lifelong resident of Bluffton and dedicated her life to children. She began her career as owner and operator of the Home Daycare "Buttons & Bows" for 23 years, and then moving on to Early Childhood Alliance for 22 years. Kay was a member of the Bluffton First Church of Christ and was a lifelong nurturer. From Scouting, to Church and Childcare, she was a mothering influence to everyone and always put others first. She was fond of saying, "It is what it is," and this, too, is what it is; a life well-lived. Kay will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.

Kay is survived by her Husband, Thomas, and Daughters: Michele (Terry) Marcum of Bluffton, Megan (David) Kilander of Warren, Daughter-in-Love: Dawn (fiance', Tim McEntee) Hiester of Fort Wayne, Grandchildren: Carley (fiance', Anthony Woodruff) Marcum of Bloomington, Jared Marcum of Bluffton, Bryce Kilander of Warren, Emily Hiester of Fort Wayne and Adam Hiester of Fort Wayne, Step-Grandsons: Casey Marcum of Bloomington, Jesse (fiance' Theresa Keith) Marcum of Greenwood, Great grandchildren: Kaelyn, Collin and Alanna Marcum. Sisters: Sandra (Gary) Conner of Missouri, Bonnie (Richard) Baumgartner of Warren, Sally Norman of Bluffton, Brother: Danny (Connie) Davison of Myrtle Beach, SC. Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Son, Michael Hiester and Step-Grandson, Kyle Marcum.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Dave Schultz will officiate. Calling hours are 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2015 at the Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service on Monday. Burial will follow at Garden of the Chimes in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to Bluffton Cemeteries Perpetual Care Flag Pole Fund. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends may send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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



“ *Kay Sue Hiester*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DB

“ *Sorry to hear about Kay--I am a child care provider and enjoyed her meetings and caring manner, she will be a hard act to follow at EAC.*

Donna Barnes - July 04, 2015 at 09:25 AM

MC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Kay's passing. I knew Kay from Early Childhood Alliance, I am a home provider and Kay was always there for me. She provider the best support and love for childcare providers, if there was an issue Kay was always there to lend a helping hand. I also had a special connection with Kay on the military side, I had a son that deployed and Kay would always take the time to give me encouraging words even after the loss of her son. She will always have a special place in my heart*

Martha Crooks

Martha Crooks - July 01, 2015 at 06:22 AM

TT

“ *Kay will be missed. She was one of my favorite people.
Rest in Peace Kay.*



Tammy Tucker - June 22, 2015 at 02:16 PM

SO

“ *Kay always made sure the kids and I felt welcome at her home. My favorite conversation with her was about the blizzard of 72'. She was running a day care and ofcourse they were snowed in! She found a way to make even a situation as intense as a blizzard a good memory:)*

Solange - June 21, 2015 at 02:30 PM

DA

“ *Denise D Andrew lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



Denise D Andrew - June 20, 2015 at 03:53 PM

DA

I am truly sorry to hear of Kay passing. she was a wonderful person. May she rest in peace.

Denise D Andrew - June 20, 2015 at 04:02 PM

TE

“ *Terri lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



terri - June 18, 2015 at 08:17 PM

DK

“ *Debbie Kemarly lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



Debbie Kemarly - June 15, 2015 at 07:15 AM

DK

She was a great lady. Prayers to the family.

Debbie Kemarly - June 15, 2015 at 07:16 AM

VC

“ *Nothing but good memories of Kay. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*With love,
LeRoy and Vicki Cramer*

vicki cramer - June 14, 2015 at 04:05 PM



“ *Hugs love and prayers!*



Leann Nash - June 14, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Kay Sue Hiester.*



June 13, 2015 at 11:36 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, to the family of Kay! Kay was a great support for me when I started my home day care 14 years ago. She was an Awesome mentor and I will always remember her.*

Nicole King - June 13, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ *I was blessed to have Kay come into my life. She was kind, nurturing and so much fun. I will miss her dearly. To her beautiful family...May the beauty of precious memories be your comfort. ???*



Patty O'Neal - June 13, 2015 at 12:15 PM



“ *Remember Kay from our days at Lancaster Central. She was in my sister's class and Kay's brother, Dan was in my class. Praying God will bless you with beautiful memories to bring you comfort and peace in the days, weeks and months ahead. Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

Glennis Henly - June 13, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“ *Megan and family I'm so sorry for your loss your mom was a great woman and will be missed I remember visiting her daycare in high school that's where my love of working with kid's at church started hug's*



Tonya Sills - June 13, 2015 at 07:40 AM

TE

“ *Tom, Michele, Megan and family: We are out of the state and will not return until late Monday, so we won't be able to see you at the funeral home. Kay was a great lady and you are in our thoughts and prayers...
-Marge and Ted Ellis*

Ted Ellis - June 12, 2015 at 11:26 PM

DP

“ *Deborah Parmlee lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



Deborah Parmlee - June 12, 2015 at 11:11 PM

DP

“ *Dan & Peg Paxson lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



Dan & Peg Paxson - June 12, 2015 at 09:19 PM

DB

“ *so sorry for your loss. I have a lot of good memories of our times together with our families. may god give you all strength in coping with your loss.*

dawn burchett - June 12, 2015 at 03:35 PM

RH

“ Thoughts and prayers for Michelle and family



Rhonda - June 12, 2015 at 12:50 PM

BK

“ Bernie Kleinknight lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester



Bernie Kleinknight - June 12, 2015 at 12:40 PM

BK

So very sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers

Bernie Kleinknight - June 12, 2015 at 12:42 PM

SH

“ THoughts and Prayers are sent to the family, she was one of the sweetest ladies and has a heart of gold, she has blessed so many kids for so many years all who knew her was truly touched. May you feel GODS hands around you during this time, and just know shes now with Michael.



Sandy (Garrett) Habegger - June 12, 2015 at 12:14 PM

DK

“ Deborah Kilander lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester



Deborah Kilander - June 12, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Kay Sue Hiester.*



June 12, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ *Tina Jones lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



Tina Jones - June 12, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *Jill Beckman lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



Jill Beckman - June 12, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ *June Frederick lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



June Frederick - June 12, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ *Carol Myers lit a candle in memory of Kay Sue Hiester*



Carol Myers - June 12, 2015 at 08:07 AM