



## Mary Alice Jackson

May 10, 1918 - March 2, 2018

Mary Alice Jackson, 99, a longtime Bluffton resident, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018, at her home. Born May 10, 1918 to Wilbert A and Hazel (Mickley) Krieg, she married James S. Jackson on December 2, 1939, in Daleville, Indiana. Mary Alice and Jim celebrated 67 years of marriage before his death in 2006.

Surviving are their children: James D. (Celia) Jackson of Syracuse, Indiana, Thomas K. (Priscilla) Jackson of Syracuse, Indiana, Sally (Norm) Kain, Mick (Brenda) Jackson and Cindy Lambert, all of Bluffton, 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her brothers, Keith Krieg and Paul (Joan) Krieg of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jackson was preceded in death by brothers, Richard Krieg, Wilbert (Bill) Krieg, Jr., and James Krieg, and an infant granddaughter.

Mary Alice was a 1936 graduate of Huntington High School. In 1947, Mary Alice and Jim started the James S. Jackson Construction Company where she was active for 25 years. She shared her love of knitting and nature with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, fed an army of guests with almost no warning, and organized many family reunions.

Mrs. Jackson was a member of the First Reformed Church, Psi Iota Xi, Eastern Star, Home Forum Club, and Study Club.

Calling hours will be held from 2 – 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A celebration of life service will take place on at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday (March 10, 2018) at the First Reformed Church, with calling for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials are to Family LifeCare of Northeast Indiana, Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA, or the Wells Community Boys and Girls Club.

Funeral 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](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Reformed Church  
301 West Cherry Street  
Bluffton, IN

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 10. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Reformed Church  
301 West Cherry Street  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Alice Jackson*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 09, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ *Mary Alice Jackson*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Jim & Celia*

*Sympathies to you and your family. Can tell from video you shared a wonderful life and had her in it for many years. What a gift. Wish you well. Thanks Jim for coming to funeral, it was such an encouragement to me that day. Love to you  
Connie Williams  
Sun City Center, FL*

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**Connie Williams** - March 29, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ *Some of my favorite childhood memories were at Aunt Mary Alice and Uncle Jims lovely home.....and my mother shared that many fun times were had at their kitchen table! So I will so cherish this visit I had with Aunt Mary Alice, my mother and her sisters. Oh the laughs they are sharing now. Sorry I was not able to attend her service, but know that you were all in my thoughts. My prayers and sympathy go out to all my Jackson cousins. John 14:2  
xoxo  
Sabrina Krieg Donovan*



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**Sabrina Donovan** - March 11, 2018 at 11:20 AM

CO

“ I was so glad to have Mary Alice travel on my life's train. I have so enjoyed working/getting to know all of you over the years. Mary Alice was a very special person. May God's grace and love be near you and may you feel his love surrounding you during this time. Cindy Osgood

Cindy Osgood - March 08, 2018 at 06:23 PM

MB

“ Marian and Van Burns purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mary Alice Jackson.



Marian and Van Burns - March 08, 2018 at 05:46 PM

GB

“ Our sympathy to Jim, Tom, Mick, Sally, Cindy and the rest of the Jackson family on the passing of Mary Alice, devoted to her family and her community for so many years.

George and Jan Babcock

George and Jan Babcock - March 08, 2018 at 05:00 PM

LL

“ Love, Mallory, Ethan & Raven Leatherman purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Mary Alice Jackson.



Love, Mallory, Ethan & Raven Leatherman - March 08, 2018 at 04:25 PM

SL

“ The Rinear & Marian Funk Family joins the celebration of tribute to our very kind and caring friend. Mary Alice was so good to stay in touch through the years. We especially remember the faithful annual Christmas season visits with our parents from Jim and Mary Alice and the most beautiful poinsettias ever. Keep the precious memories close, as we keep all of you close to our hearts during this time.

Susie, Eric, Trudy & Joe

Susie Lambert - March 08, 2018 at 07:33 AM

GK

“ To the Jackson family. Please know that Ruthann and I are thinking of you after the loss of your mother. What a wonderful and full life she lived! There can be no doubt that you have many many fond memories carry with you forever. Our condolences.

*Gene and Ruthann Kyle*

Gene Kyle - March 07, 2018 at 04:24 PM

JD

“ We send our sincere condolences to the wonderful Jackson family.

Jerry and Cindy Dillon - March 07, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Jackson.



March 07, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ 189 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM

JA

“ Such a lovely lady. Jim and Mary Alice will always be remembered as a giving pair. Condolences to the Jackson children. Jesse Absher. Fla.

Jesse Absher - March 06, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ *Mary Alice truly was a great woman and my mom who had worked for her as a young girl spoke highly of her. We would stop by and visit now and then, and were always received in the most gracious way. Generations come and go and this marks the end of an era.*

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**Stephen Schmidt** - March 06, 2018 at 10:34 AM



*Please accept our sincere condolences Mary Alice and your dad were a true legacy for your family; May your memories & love for them console you at this time. She was a good friend of our mother.  
The children of Robert and Jane Reusser: Nancy, Carol, John, Tim, Dave, Donna and Brian*

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**Nancy Halstead** - March 06, 2018 at 10:54 PM

JY

“ *Holding the Jackson family in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the passing of Mary Alice.*

*Chuck and Judy Yeager, Warsaw*

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**Judith Yeager** - March 06, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ *Mick & Family,  
I was sorry to hear of you mom's passing. I'm sure you have many great memories to help sustain & comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Kathy Reiff Foreman*

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**Kathy Reiff Foreman** - March 06, 2018 at 07:57 AM

HC

“ *So sorry for your loss - my mother and I both felt so welcome and warm whenever we visited Great Aunt Alice and Great Uncle Jim, and their marriage was such an inspiration. She was an incredibly wonderful, kind woman who spread light and love to everyone around her. We know you must miss her immensely, but we hope that there is some comfort in knowing that she's reunited with Great Uncle Jim in heaven. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Hannah and Young Clark** - March 06, 2018 at 12:32 AM

SM

“ *Sally...Sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. Mert and I send prayers and hope all is well with your family. Your family always sat on the row behind us Millers at church, in the balcony...memories.*  
*Stan and Marita Miller*  
*Pickrell, Nebraska*



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**stan miller** - March 06, 2018 at 12:05 AM

SF

“ *Dear Jacksons:*  
*So goes the end of an era—the great generation. Thank you all so much for the fun memories around the lake when I was a child. And for the love your mom and dad so consistently demonstrated to my parents over the years. God Bless You All.*  
*Steve Fulton*

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**steve Fukton** - March 05, 2018 at 07:25 PM

MF

“ *I have so many great memories of Jim and Mary Alice and our family at their house. It was fun catching those small bluegills, baiting hooks and drinking lemonade in the summer. I am also very thankful for the love and connection that Jim and Mary Alice had with my dad Dick and mom Floy through their golden years. Friends like that are rare these days. Thanks for being a model for the rest of us.*  
  
*Mick Fulton*

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**Mick Fulton** - March 05, 2018 at 07:22 PM

BK

“ *The Kreigh family sends our love and our hope for peace at this time. Your Mother will be missed; may the many memories and stories give you comfort.*



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**Billy Kreigh** - March 05, 2018 at 07:15 PM

MM

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mary Alice. We remember all the remarkable things she accomplished and we cherish the happy memories we had with her. I remember the times we went shelling on the beach and I was always looking for the perfect shell. Mary Alice would pick up a broken or imperfect shell and say that shell had character. That is the way I shall remember Mary Alice; always finding the best in everything. Our love to you and your family. Mary Alice and Joe Maloni

Mary Alice and Joe Maloni - March 05, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Jackson.



March 05, 2018 at 06:35 PM

VJ

“ Mick and Brenda, You've been wonderful to Mary Alice and I am sure she knew how blessed she was to have you. Wishing you God's peace and comfort in the days ahead. Cherish the memories. Valerie

Valerie Wilson Jackson - March 05, 2018 at 06:26 PM

LE

“ Love, Joe and Debbie Elkins purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mary Alice Jackson.



Love, Joe and Debbie Elkins - March 05, 2018 at 11:27 AM

TM

“ Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mary.



Teresa Moser - March 05, 2018 at 11:14 AM

SK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Aunt Mary Alice was a wonderful woman and will be missed.

Stephen & Susan Krieg - March 05, 2018 at 09:59 AM

JJ

“ I was only able to meet Mary Alice on a couple occasions, but her joy for life was evident, even into her 90's. My condolences to the Jackson family. I know she will be missed.

Jon Jenkins - March 05, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ Sorry that your Mother has left this world leaving you and your family missing her terribly. She had such a long and fruitful life, Mick. I am sad for you but glad you had her in your life for so long. God Bless!

David Dedrick - March 04, 2018 at 08:56 PM

NH

“ Mary Alice, Aunt Ruth and I shared May birthdays. We admitted to each other, it was the best month of all to have a birthday as everyone was eager to celebrate spring and warm weather again, and we got to be the happy recipient. Also, this time of year brought Easter and I recall Mary Alice helping us all make Easter eggs with paint on the water -blowing the colors in the water as we slowly pulled the egg to expose the design. She was the best at this skill. A trip to the Jackson home was always a joy with lots of noise, games, freedom to run and play and a parent unlike any other - hardly any rules and no need to keep our clothes clean. The lady with the smile. Thanks also, Mary Alice for regularly visiting my own parents grave since I am so far away, and visiting Daddy so faithfully in his final illness. I will miss her but never forget her. Nancy

Nancy Mickley Halsema - March 04, 2018 at 06:25 PM

CH

“ Dan and I were sorry to hear of your loss, Cindy and family. God bless your family during this difficult time. Christine and Dan Hunt



Christine and Dan Hunt - March 04, 2018 at 05:44 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Laurae Henkle lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Jackson*



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**Larry and Laurae Henkle** - March 04, 2018 at 05:43 PM

RA

“ *Tom, we were very sorry to hear of the death of your mom. Ron has many memories of her and your dad.*

*Ron and Jean Anderson*

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**Ron and Jean Anderson** - March 04, 2018 at 05:30 PM

DS

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss, praying for you and your families.*

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**David Shepherd** - March 04, 2018 at 02:55 PM

JG

“ *Jerry/darlene Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Jackson*



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**jerry/darlene garrett** - March 04, 2018 at 07:57 AM