



## Mary Bayless

October 10, 1912 - April 2, 2010

Mary Bayless, 97, of Berne, IN, formerly of Bluffton, passed away on April 2nd at Swiss Village. Born October 10, 1912 in Huntington, IN, she was the daughter of Hubert and Henrietta Smekens. She was married to the late Kenneth "Kay" Bayless on September 3, 1929. She enjoyed greeting the patrons of the Dutch Mill Restaurant as a hostess for over 20 years. She was a 50 + year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile as well as the First Reformed Church of Bluffton. Mary served as a volunteer for many years at the Well Community Hospital. She is survived by her daughters, Betty Day of Bluffton and Sue (Philip) Nelson of Pellston, MI; 8 grandchildren- Susan Day, Sally Day, Sarah (David) Seligman, Scott (Pandy) Day, Steve Day, Jenny (Will) Chamberlain, Andy (Allie) Nelson and Brad (Christa) Nelson; 8 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandsons. She was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, her son-in-law, Marvin Day and great-granddaughter, Jana Day Starr.

Calling hours will be from 6 to 8 on Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday in the funeral home with calling 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be made to Swiss Village or to Family Hospice & Palliative Care  
Friends may send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Bayless*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Bayless Family,*  
*Sorry to hear about your loss. I know you will miss her. I'm sure you have many memories to keep her life alive in your hearts. My fondest memory is when I lived in Florida and she & Kay took a little 100 mile jog out of their way to stop and see me. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Steve Kunkel##imported-end##*

April 09, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ *Dear Sue and Betty and your families,*  
*You are in our thoughts and prayers. We know how much you will miss Mary. We're glad you had her for so many years. Just wish Kay had stuck around longer, too. Enjoy passing on your fond memories!*  
*Ruth (and Carl) and Sherry Sawyer##imported-begin##Sherry and Ruth Sawyer##imported-end##*

April 07, 2010 at 08:05 AM



“ *Betty and family, Many fond memories of you mother...may you find peace in her passing and know that many hold you up in prayer. Greg and Bev Meyer##imported-begin##Greg Meyer##imported-end##*

April 05, 2010 at 08:44 AM



“ *Dear Friends, We're so happy we had the good fortune to have met "Grammy" a few years ago. We remember her as a lovely and gracious lady. We offer our sincere condolences to you and your family. Fondly, Mary Ann and Bob Huntington##imported-begin##mary ann huntington##imported-end##*

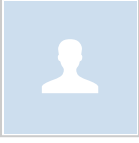
April 04, 2010 at 08:14 PM



“ I have many memories of Mary & Kay, and it was always good to run in to them up town or at a ballgame. My prayer's to you all, Betty, Susan , Sally , Sara, Scott, Steven, and families.##imported-begin##Cynthia (Biberstine) Hickey##imported-end##

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April 03, 2010 at 04:30 PM



“ We send our condolences to the Bayless family. Betty is the only one I can remember, but we want you all to know we will be thinking about you as you face the days ahead. God is so faithful to be with you and give you comfort.

Tom and Nancy##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Haiflich##imported-end##

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April 02, 2010 at 05:39 PM