



## Mary M. Kizer

September 29, 1925 - December 8, 2018

Mary M. Kizer, 93, of Bluffton passed away on Saturday afternoon, December 8, 2018, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Mary was born on September 29, 1925 in Bluffton, Indiana to James Murray “Sharkey” and Sylvia (Boxell) Thornburg. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1943. After working in the office at General Electric, Mary graduated from the Indiana Real Estate School and Bill Miller’s School of Real Estate where she held the GRI designation. She was a real estate broker and owner of Kizer Realty in Bluffton with her husband for 21 years.

Mary was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton where she was awarded Distinguish Service Award in the Church of the Nazarene, Sunday School teacher and was active in the Migrant and Literacy Programs. She was also a member of the Bluffton Lions Club, Gideon’s Auxiliary member. She was a Girl Scout Leader and served as President of Lauback Literacy Club for many years.

On June 10, 1945, Mary and Cloyd Donovan “Jerry” Kizer were married at The Nazarene Church in Bluffton and he precedes her in death on April 16, 2004.

Surviving are her daughters; Nancy Hayes of Washington, MO and Janet (Tom) Lloyd of Peru, IN, 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and one son-in-law James Hayes of MO.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at 2 P.M. on Thursday (December 13, 2018) at the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton with Rev. Mike Hershey

officiating. Burial will take place at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 12 Noon to 2 P.M., prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Wells County Gideon's or Missionary Department of the First Nazarene Church in Bluffton.

Funeral arrangement have been entrusted to 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

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene  
1515 Clark Avenue  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Service

DEC 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary M. Kizer*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Esther lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Kizer*



**Esther** - January 05, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mary passing. She was a jewel! I got to know her when I worked in the same Real Estate Office that Jerry worked in. We became friends and after Jerry passed, Mary would call me to see if she could ride to Fort Wayne with me to take the Continuing Credits for our real estate license. We had so much fun. I remember the last one we attended, we were coming home after dark and I hit an object on the highway and had a tire blow out to which she replied, "well why did you do that" and I said well I didn't see it. That has always made me laugh, but she was a joy to be around. You could see in Mary's eyes that she was an honest caring person. I did not know any of her family other than Jerry, but she spoke of them and loved them dearly. You are all in my thoughts at this time.*  
*BJ Gray*

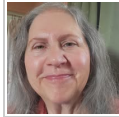


**BJGray** - December 14, 2018 at 05:14 PM

RA

“ Janet, I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Rita (Miller) Atherton - December 12, 2018 at 04:11 PM



Thank you so much, Rita. My mom had a wonderful life. She loved Jesus and her family.

Janet Lambert - December 13, 2018 at 08:24 AM

SR

“ Susan Ryder lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Kizer



Susan Ryder - December 12, 2018 at 03:15 PM

HF

“ Mary and I were colleagues at Vore Realty in the mid 80's. We became friends. During that time, in 1986, I gave birth to my youngest daughter., In the years to come that daughter learned to sing, Mary often accompanied her on the piano. Those were very good times. Please accept our family's condolences on the passing of this beautiful soul.

Henerietta Fraysier

Henerietta & David Fraysier - December 11, 2018 at 11:51 PM

Nan  
Hayes

“ 22 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Nan Hayes** - December 11, 2018 at 08:17 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing...I have known Mary since my childhood. She and her mother were my Sunday School teachers. They were both fine and funny Christian ladies. God be with you Nancy and Janet and other family. Joan Garrison.

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**Joan Garrison** - December 11, 2018 at 03:34 PM

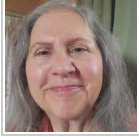
DS

“ Doug Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Kizer



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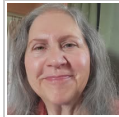
**Doug Sawyer** - December 10, 2018 at 05:12 PM



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Janet Lambert - December 09, 2018 at 09:27 AM



*The Santa at the end of the video was Mary!*

Janet Lambert - December 09, 2018 at 09:36 PM

SR

*Mary was a awesome and strong women. She had her morales and stayed by them. She will be missed by all !*

Susan Ryder - December 10, 2018 at 01:49 PM

CL

*So sorry to hear of Mary's passing... she was my fan club and dearly missed us when we moved from River Terrace. My contact was with her through Red Hatters. Such an interesting lady and I really liked her as she was truly honest about everything she did. Well Mary told me she was going to pass on her birthday in September and I told her that it was not in her hands... Only god knew the time and place. Dec 8th. not September. Carol Lochtefeld*

Carol Lochtefeld - December 10, 2018 at 09:00 PM



*What a legacy! We're so fortunate to have had the wonderful childhood and parents growing up in Bluffton. Glad she had such a rich, full life, and a wonderful loving family!*

Nancy Halstead - December 11, 2018 at 01:53 PM