



Peggy Jean Bate

December 9, 1942 - August 5, 2020

Peggy Jean (Booth) Bate, age 77, passed away peacefully August 5, 2020 following her 3 year battle with cancer. She was born December 9, 1942 to Carl and Jayne (Paxson) Booth in Bluffton. She married her high school sweetheart, Robert Bate, August 6, 1961 at the First Reformed Church in Bluffton.

Peggy loved to love on people and was generous, kind and self-sacrificing. Her family will always remember her saying: "Love you – Love you!" She was a faithful wife, dedicated mother, devoted friend, and a passionate follower of Christ. Peggy was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton and recently attended First Reformed Church.

For many years Peggy worked alongside her husband at Bob Bate Chevrolet in Ossian. She followed many passions of serving others by volunteering for the Republican Party, the Bluffton Regional Medical Center, the Bargain Hut, and was a Board member of the Bluffton Historical Society. She loved to send notes and visit shut ins to brighten their day and pray with them.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Robert (Bob); her children, Tony Bate, Tammy Bate, Todd Bate, and Terry (Tammy) Bate; her siblings, David (Vicki) Booth, Don (Cathy) Booth, Pam (Bob) Tuttle, and Dick (Elaine) Booth; her brothers-in-law, Richard (Janice) Bate, Steve (Trieu) Bate and sister-in-law, Debra Bate-Yohman; grandchildren, Camerin (Collin), Caylee (Ethan), Corbin, and Sutton; 4 great grandchildren, Tinsley, Dawson, Adalynn, and Declan; plus her nieces and nephews which she loved and touched deeply. She was

preceded in death by her parents, her dearly loved in-laws, Shay and Alice Bate, and a grandson, Chase Walburn.

Public visitation will be held from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M, on Sunday (August 9, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home.

All are welcome to join the family at a public graveside service being held at 4 P.M. on Sunday at Six Mile Cemetery with Rev. Bryson "Gene" Bell and Rev. Terry Bate officiating. This will allow us to celebrate Peggy's life together – bring seating if desired.

Memorials may be made to the Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation of Bluffton or Visiting Nurse of Ft. Wayne.

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.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

AUG 9. 4:00 PM (ET)

Six Mile Cemetery
4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peggy Jean Bate*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 12:21 PM



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 09, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Peggy Jean Bate*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Peggy was a very sweet and caring person and she will be greatly missed by all. We send our sincere thoughts and prayers to her family.*

Jerry and Cindy Dillon - August 11, 2020 at 12:42 PM

TB

“ We offer our condolences to the family in your time of such great loss. Peggy was a delightful and dedicated volunteer at the Balentine art gallery and always had a kind word and a smile. May your hearts find peace and comfort.

Tom and Maureen Butler - August 09, 2020 at 02:44 PM

JE

“ Joe and I want to send our love and sympathy to all of the wonderful Bate family, our Sutton Circle neighbors and long-time friends. Peggy was such a loving and sweet person, and she always had a smile, and a fond memory to share with you. Warmest memories of Peggy!



Joe and Debbie Elkins - August 09, 2020 at 09:35 AM

David Saalfrank

“ Bob and family, I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. My prayers are with you all, Gods grace will help you through this. I am sorry but I just got back from Evansville for the lure show and will not be able to attend tomorrow but I will pray for all of you and take comfort in the truth of your faith in God.
Dave Saalfrank

David Saalfrank - August 08, 2020 at 07:56 PM

SM

“ Bob, Nolan and I send our condolences on the passing of Peggy. May your memories sustain you as you lean on the Lord for your strength.

Suzanne Markley - August 08, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ 177 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 08, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Bob & Family,*
We are so sorry to hear of Peggy's passing. She fought hard and now she is at peace and without pain.
We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.

Jerry & Margaret Crandall

Margaret & Jerry Crandall - August 08, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Liz and Jerry Neal purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



Liz and Jerry Neal - August 08, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



August 07, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Peggy’s passing. She was such a wonderful and caring lady. Her light will shine bright above and she is finally home and pain free. Peggy will truly be missed but we will see her again someday. The Bate and Booth family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - August 07, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Garden Bench - "I thought of you with love" was purchased for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



August 07, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



August 07, 2020 at 10:46 AM



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August 07, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Flushing Community Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



Flushing Community Church - August 07, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Prayers going out to the entire Bates family. I worked with Peggy at Keebler, she was such a kind, loving person.*



Carolyn Hunnicutt - August 07, 2020 at 09:00 AM

BB

“ We will miss you miss Peggy! But I know you are in you heavenly home praising Jesus along with Grandma Joyce and Grandpa Rex.



I will never forget you loveliness, kindness of heart growing up and seeing first hand what it meant to be true friends with someone because you and Bob were that and best friends with Grandma and Grandpa.

May Christ's comfort be with all your family and friends. 🙏

Brittany Bingham - August 06, 2020 at 05:17 PM

TB

Thanks Brittany - your grandparents were wonderful people! Heaven is sweeter with them there!

Terry Bate - August 06, 2020 at 10:54 PM

GW

“ *From the moment we met, Peggy was a friend, prayer partner, and dear sister in the Lord. Her love and friendship during our years of ministry in Bluffton will always be cherished in my heart. I remember our sharing many tears and much laughter through those years and beyond. She touched so many lives with her prayers and caring heart. She was beautiful inside and out.*

Our continued love and prayers go out to Bob and her dear family during this time of great loss.

Gloria and Dan White

Gloria White - August 06, 2020 at 01:15 PM

TB

Dan & Gloria - Mom cherished your friendship and leadership. Thanks for your kind words!

Terry Bate - August 06, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



August 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JJ

“ *Peggy touched the lives of many in such a positive way and was loved by those fortunate to have her in their life. Caring thoughts to Bob and all her family in a very difficult time. She fought as hard as she could to stay with you, but God wanted her more. Blessings to all.*

Jackie Johnson

Jackwyn E Johnson - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 PM

GF

“ *Gene, Patsy, Tim, Tony and Cyndi Frame purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



Gene, Patsy, Tim, Tony and Cyndi Frame - August 06, 2020 at 11:14 AM

FF

“ From the Mike Shalley and CLA family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.



From the Mike Shalley and CLA family - August 06, 2020 at 10:27 AM

PG

“ Pam Grice lit a candle in memory of Peggy Jean Bate



Pam Grice - August 06, 2020 at 10:18 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. Peggy was my first "Best Friend". Living down the road we spent many hours together using my cats and kittens as our "baby dolls". They didn't seem to mind being dressed up and pushed around in the baby buggies. We spent a lot of time riding back and forth between our houses on our bikes. Sorry we didn't keep in close contact after they moved in town and the years passed.

Janet (Hedges)Farmer

Janet S Farmer - August 06, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



August 06, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *A very caring, courageous and strong lady who loved her family and God...she will be in my memories forever.*

Jammie Chism - August 06, 2020 at 06:21 AM



“ *Dan And Peggy Paxson lit a candle in memory of Peggy Jean Bate*



Dan and Peggy Paxson - August 05, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Peggy Jean Bate.*



August 05, 2020 at 09:59 PM

BS

“ I feel like I have lost another sister. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She cared so much about others and lived for the Lord. Her prayers were beautiful. We know she is with Jesus and out of pain. I loved her so much and will miss our phone calls. Like I told her a week ago Sunday I will see you in heaven.

Bonnie Strong - August 05, 2020 at 09:28 PM

TB

She loved your talks! I know that for sure. Thanks for your kind words and deep love for Mom!

Terry Bate - August 06, 2020 at 10:57 PM

SH

“ She was the rock of the family..Even though I didn't grow up as a little girl hanging out with her she still loved me and embraced me when ever I was around. You have touched so many and your beautiful heart will live on through so many. Love you. Shaun



Shaun - August 05, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JS

What a joy we had to be a friend of Peggy's, to love her and be loved by her. She not only carried her friends and family in her heart, but she carried them to the Lord, faithfully. Thank you for your example of Christ's love. You are already missed.

Mike and Julie Shalley

Julie A Shalley - August 06, 2020 at 10:09 AM

TO

My sinsere condolence to Bob and the Bates family. Peggy will be missed by all who knew her

TomPlummer - August 09, 2020 at 12:40 PM

RC

Bob, You have our deepest sympathy. May you feel the arms of Jesus wrapped around you in the coming days. Peggy is such a wonderful person. Cancer just sucks. She touched many lives with her sweet personality and her compassionate ways. We will be praying for you and your family.

Chad and Renee Captain

Renee Captain - August 10, 2020 at 08:52 AM