



Mrs. Phyllis A. Byrd

August 24, 1928 - April 5, 2014

Phyllis A. Byrd, 85 of Ossian passed away at 4:24 a.m. Saturday, April 05, 2014, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Phyllis was born on August 24, 1928 in Bluffton to Herbert H. & Margaret E. (Smith) Foster. She graduated from Bluffton High School in the class of 1946. She worked in the X-Ray Department of the Caylor- Nickel Clinic for 54 years. She also worked part time at Huntington Memorial Hospital for over 12 years. After retirement, Phyllis stayed active and worked at Heyerly's Bakery in Ossian for 6 years. She was a member of Tri-Kappa in Bluffton.

On September 13, 1947 in Wells County, she married Thomas N. Byrd. He preceded her in death on March 20, 1964.

Survivors include a son Timothy (wife Tee) Byrd of Townsend, TN and a daughter Susan (husband Kevin) Morningstar of Fort Wayne, along with grandchildren; Meghann (husband Michael) Byrd-Erhart of Maryville, TN, Nathan (wife Nichole) Nusbaumer of Bluffton, Sarah Nusbaumer of Fort Wayne, along with great-grandchildren; Tre, Kadyne, Brian, Kaylee Nusbaumer all of Bluffton, along with Annalise & Alison Erhart of Maryville, TN, McKenzi, Madison Hunter, and Ciara Dixie all of Fort Wayne. She is also survived by a sister Marian Schmoll of Georgia.

She is preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law Betty & Jim Sands.

A Service to celebrate her life will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Scott E. Nedberg will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne through the funeral home. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Phyllis A. Byrd*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Phyllis A. Byrd*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Tim and Susan:: So sorry to hear of your Mother passing.. I remember all of us living on Jersey St. and walking to school together, and playing at your home.. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you!!! Phyllis was a excellent neighbor and good Mother.. God Bless you both!!! Monnah Mann*

monnah mann - August 31, 2014 at 07:19 PM

KS

“ Dear Tim and Susan, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was always so full of life and energy. I always thought of her as being immortal because of her smile and attitude. My thoughts and prayers have been with you all week. I am now in PA with my brother and parents. I still miss Steve everyday, and have a permanent hole in my heart. I hope your pain will lessen with each day, especially knowing she lived life to the fullest.
With loving memories Karen Small

karen small - April 10, 2014 at 08:09 AM

VJ

“ Susan, My sympathy to you and your family. Valerie Wilson Jackson (BHS 1972)

Valerie Wilson Jackson - April 09, 2014 at 05:31 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Phyllis A. Byrd.



April 09, 2014 at 04:36 PM

NP

“ So sorry to hear of Phyllis' passing. She and my mom always had such a great time together. She was a great friend to our whole family for many years.

Nicole Pastore Penrod

Nicole Penrod - April 09, 2014 at 02:48 PM

GP

“ *Phyllis always had that wonderful, winning smile and a positive word for all. She was a dear friend and wonderful, caring lady. She blest my life, just by knowing her. Warm thoughts go out to you all and many prayers. She will certainly brighten up Heaven!* ”

Glenna Plummer - April 09, 2014 at 02:24 PM

DP

“ *What a great lady!!! We worked together at Caylor Nickel in x-ray when I was only 19 years old. She was like a "mother hen" to us young girls. What a loving and caring person. She will be missed!!* ”
Deb Pursley

Deb Pursley - April 08, 2014 at 06:31 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Phyllis A. Byrd.* ”



April 08, 2014 at 02:31 PM

DH

“ *David and Heather Hughes purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Phyllis A. Byrd.* ”



David and Heather Hughes - April 08, 2014 at 12:07 PM

JS

“ *Your mother was a joy.
John and Elizabeth Sorensen*

john sorensen - April 08, 2014 at 08:44 AM

CB

“ *Dear Tim and Susan, Just a note to tell you how sorry I am for the loss of your Mother. She was such a wonderful person - always had a smile on her face and always had so much energy. She was such a good friend of my Mom's. I always stopped in Ossian at Heyerly's to see her and buy Nut Subs when I was back in Indiana for a visit. Please know that you both and your families are in my thoughts and prayers .*

*With Sincere Sympathy,
Connie Wolfcale Bade*

Connie Wolfcale Bade - April 08, 2014 at 08:29 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Phyllis A. Byrd.*



April 08, 2014 at 08:14 AM

SP

“ Dear Tim and Susan,

Your Mom was always so full of life! I can still hear her laughing. She always had that mischievous, cute smile. She was such a good friend to my parents, and now they will all be together.

I'm very sorry for your loss, but find strength in those wonderful memories of her.

Fondly, Susan and Tony Palukaitis (Stout)

Susan Palukaitis - April 07, 2014 at 05:22 PM

KV

“ *Phyllis was one of the kindest, most caring individuals I've ever known. We worked together at Caylor-Nickel 29 years. She could be trusted with any information, patients or associates. She loved her family and was so proud of them. Even in adversity, she remained positive. She was a wonderful friend. Kay VanMeter*

Kay VanMeter - April 07, 2014 at 02:52 PM

SS

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



Sally Schmoll - April 07, 2014 at 11:54 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Sally Schmoll - April 07, 2014 at 10:57 AM

TF

“ *Remembering the good ole days ! What an awesome Mom you will always treasure Susan and Tim*

Trudy and Fred - April 07, 2014 at 09:40 AM

BC

“ *Dear Tim and Susan and Families we are so very Sorry about your Loss of your Mom Phyllis "Birdie" Bird! She was such a Sweet Beautiful Lady! We will miss her very much! Susan u know much fun we had with your Mom everytime we seen Birdie! I have known her ever since we went to school together over 45 years or longer! Our Prayers are with u all during your days to come! God Bless u! Peace and Grace your Friends Barry and JoEllen Crosbie!*

Barry and JoEllen Crosbie - April 06, 2014 at 09:09 PM