



Shirley J. Harnish

September 5, 1945 - August 27, 2009

Shirley J. Harnish, 63, Bluffton, died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Harnish was a graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne. She retired from Kitco in Bluffton after 13 years of service. After her retirement, she was pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing and psychology at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Fort Wayne, to Edward and Betty "Jean" Omspacher Wahls. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne. She married Paul R. Harnish II; her husband preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Bacon of Indianapolis; two daughters, Kelli Bacon of Milwaukee, Wis., and Kristi Cheney of Bluffton; five grandchildren; two brothers, James Wahls and Danny Wahls; and two sisters, Linda Stapleton and Cindy Wahls. She is preceded in death by a son, Paul R. Harnish III.

Calling will be from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney, and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Services will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Kent Ringger officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences: www.thomarich.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley J. Harnish*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley J. Harnish*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *kelli I am so sorry I did not know about your mom until today. I would be very glad for you to contact me. I still love you If i had known I would have been there. I had been trying to contact her but I got no response.##imported-begin##lena thomas##imported-end##*

September 26, 2009 at 02:01 PM



“ *Kelli, I am so sorry for your loss. I know this is a very difficult time for you & your family and I want you to know I'm thinking of you. I am here for you if you need anything. God bless.##imported-begin##Christine Eggleston##imported-end##*

September 01, 2009 at 09:25 AM



“ To Kristi and Kelly:
I only knew your mom a couple of years being her neighbor in the same building but she left an impression in my life, and that will stay with me. The memories we leave for others is what carries us through. Take comfort in those memories she left for you both. Carol H
H*##imported-begin##Carol Harrington##imported-end##*

August 31, 2009 at 11:57 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to you. May the concern and sympathy of those who care help you through this difficult time. We pray that you have God's peace in the days ahead. With caring thoughts,
Kathy & Claude*##imported-begin##Kathy & Claude Brewton##imported-end##*

August 31, 2009 at 12:07 AM



“ We will miss you !!*##imported-begin##hugh&kim crouse##imported-end##*

August 30, 2009 at 10:03 PM



“ *To the Harnish Family*

My deepest sympathy in the loss of a precious friend, Sheryl Harnish. She attended our church when my husband pastored here several years ago and became a wonderful friend. I was privileged to see her just a few months ago at church and am so glad I did. I know she will be surely missed but am sure she is in a much better place. Heaven is richer and we would see the poorer but am glad to know we can meet her again one day. I am sorry that I will not be in Bluffton to attend her memorial service but to all of her friends and family I send my sympathy and will be praying for you all. Sincerely, Gaynell Thacker##imported-begin##Mrs. Rodney (Gaynell) Thacker##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 05:54 PM



“ *Kelli,*

We were saddened to learn about the loss of your mother. We are thinking of your family and you. May you feel God's presence during these difficult days. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Jill, Bret & Mitchell Fair##imported-begin##Jill, Bret & Mitchell Fair##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 11:10 AM