



## Sonia J. Bailey

May 22, 1948 - October 11, 2010

Sonia J. Bailey 62 of Bluffton passed away at 9:40 A.M. Monday, October 11, 2010 at her residence in Bluffton.

Sonia was born on May 22, 1948 in Rochester, Pennsylvania to Carl & Peggy (Cash) Ours. On October 22, 1988 in Indianapolis, Indiana, she married Charles A. "Chuck" Bailey.

Sonia has lived in Bluffton for the last 5 years. She retired in 2005 At Mead-Westvaco Company in Indianapolis, where she worked for 28 years. In her retirement she was an active volunteer at Bluffton Regional Medical Center and the Bluffton Parks Departments. Sonia and Chuck were honored as the 2009 Volunteers of the Year from the Bluffton Parks Department. She also volunteered at her grandchildren's class in the Bluffton School System, along with helping in many areas at her church, Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton. She was also active in Angel Food Ministry and was very active in her grandchildren's lives.

Survivors include her husband Chuck of Bluffton, a daughter Tania D. (Thompson) Humbarger of Bluffton along with 4 grandchildren: Katrena A Thompson, Bianca R., Cordell J. & Coby M. Humbarger. She is also survived by sisters Carmela Joy Young of Lakeland, Florida, Rose Ann Grimes of Glen Saint, Florida and Joyce Clemings of Newark, Ohio. She is preceded in death

by her parents.

Friends are invited to visit with the Sonia's family from 3 to 8 on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 on Friday (October 15, 2010) in the Funeral Home with calling 1 hour prior to the service. Pastor Gary Aupperle will officiate. Burial will follow in the Garden of Chimes in Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the Hope Missionary Church Youth Program. Friends can send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sonia J. Bailey*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Chuck Bailey lit a candle in memory of Sonia J. Bailey*



**Chuck Bailey** - January 23, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sorry I took so long to say anything. But I have been doing alot of soul searching. I hope you know I love you very much. I just didnt know just how much until it was to late. You were a very good wife, freind, and all around good person. You touched many lives and made a differance in peoples lives even mine. I miss you very much. I cant wait to see you again. Love you###imported-begin##Charles A. Bailey Jr.##imported-end##*

January 28, 2011 at 01:09 PM



“ Dear Grandma,  
I can't express in words how hard it's been for all of us. You being gone really took a tole on us. I miss you so much and wish that I could just give you a great big hug right now. I know your in heaven right now partying with Jesus and having a great time! I can't wait to see you again some day and I know you'll be welcoming me in with arms wide open, but until then Grandma I love you and don't ever forget that!  
Love always your granddaughter,  
Bianca Renee Humbarger##imported-begin##Bianca Humbarger##imported-end##

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November 22, 2010 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Mom,  
  
Wow. These past few weeks have been so hard for me. I just want to say You are very much MISSED by all of us. I wanted to be strong enough to say so many things at your funeral but I couldnt so I thought I would on here. You was a amazing MOTHER and a WONDERFUL GRANDMOTHER. And I did not realize how many people you touched and I am so PROUD to call you my MOTHER. As I sit here today and read all the GREAT things people have said about YOU is AMAZING. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH and I cant wait to see you in HEAVEN again with your open arms. Love your daughter Tania.....##imported-begin##Tania ##imported-end##

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October 31, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ Sonia,

*You meant so much to me, I just wish I could have told you sooner! You were my Legal Guardian in life, and now you are my "Guardian Angel"..! Sonia, you legally signed and took responsibility for me, allowing me to live with you and Tania for several years, until I became 18. Without you, taking on the responsibility of me, I would have never been able to finish High School. You made a great difference in my life, and I will never forget you. You have, and always will, be in my heart. Without you, in my life, My life would have taken a very different course.*

*Thank you so much for your generosity, your encouragement, your forgiveness, and the lessons that I learned with you.*

*You were an important part of my life, and I wouldn't be where I am today without you.*

*You changed my life, and I will never forget you.*

*Kelli###imported-begin###Kelli Sessions###imported-end###*

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October 30, 2010 at 05:41 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you at this time. We were blest to have Sonia in our family. So many great memories. Tania you may call me any time. Love you cousin. Please keep in touch.###imported-begin###Penny and Gary Hart###imported-end###*

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October 18, 2010 at 08:27 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept my deepest sympathy. With Love, Eileen##imported-begin##Eileen Tritt##imported-end##

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October 18, 2010 at 08:14 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Sonia's death. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##David R. Shepherd##imported-end##

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October 17, 2010 at 07:34 AM



“ Sonia and Chuck, as Hope Church greeters, exemplified Jesus Christ through their love and caring attitude toward all they met coming through the doors! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, Chuck. May you sense God's comfort and strength during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Tom & Gwen Schumacher##imported-end##

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October 14, 2010 at 01:49 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your families loss. I hope you find peace in knowing she is safe in the arms of our loving lord. Your family is in our hearts, on our minds and in our prayers through the difficult days ahead. God Bless Pam and Dennis Hughes##imported-begin##Pam Hughes##imported-end##

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October 13, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ Dear Tania, My warmest and deepest sympathies regarding the loss of your mother. For now, this is a time of sadness. But remember; great memories of her life will bring tears of joy and laughter throughout the balance of yours. They never truly pass away because they are never forgotten.##imported-begin##Arthur Shead##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ Sonja and Chuck, I'll miss you making the rounds in continuing care at BRMC. Thanks for all that you did for us.....Joe##imported-begin##Joe Briner##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 09:41 AM



“ Goodbye to a dear friend. Although it's been 40 years since we were neighbors, Sonia has remained in my heart.##imported-begin##Faye Hanna##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 06:44 AM



“ Your daughter and grandchildren will be glad to meet you in heaven one day.##imported-begin##Annette Turner##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 03:18 PM



“ Sonia...we will miss your smiling face calling BINGO and volunteering at so many of our programs.##imported-begin##Pam Vanderkolk##imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 10:18 PM