



Tressie Stair

February 2, 1929 - July 27, 2022

Tressie Marie Stair, of Bluffton, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at River Terrace Retirement Community.

She was born on February 2, 1929 on the family farm in North Township, Marshall County, IN to Harry Cyrus and Lillie Aurora (Beyler) Stair. Tressie attended schools in Plymouth and La Paz, Indiana, graduating from La Paz High School in 1947. In 1951, she graduated from Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University) where she was elected to “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities,” and later from Ball State University with a Masters in Education. She also studied violin for two summers at Houghton college (now Houghton University) in Houghton, N.Y. Tressie taught Elementary Education in wells and Adams Counties the majority of those years spent at Ossian Elementary School.

Besides serving her Lord and Savior, Tressie had a genuine passion for music, which found its greatest expression on the violin. She and her sister, Vida, generously shared their love of music with countless others through playing at numerous community events throughout Northeastern Indiana. Over the years, the two sisters played for countless weddings and funeral services. She was also a longtime member of The Wells County Extension Chorus, Melody Makers of Indiana and Mulberry Wesleyan Church.

Tressie is survived by ten nieces and nephews; Mark (Dawn) Klatt, Philip (Martha) Klatt, David (Debra) Klatt, Timothy (Janice) Stair, Charles (Wanda) Stair, Roger (Kay) Stair, Rose Marie (Dwight) Robart, Thomas (Catherine)

Stair, Ruth E. Goodman Johnson and Harry (Patricia) Goodman.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family, preceded in death by her parents, three brothers Alvin K. Stair, Victor I. Stair and Raymond A. Stair, five sisters; Wilda E. Stair, Rose A. Stair Goodman, Virginia L. Stair, Vera R. Stair Klatt and Vida E. Stair, one niece Victoria R. Goodman Benson and two nephews-in-law, Jay Benson and Jerry Johnson.

A Service to Celebrate Tressie's life will be held at 4 P.M. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with her nephew, Pastor Timothy Stair officiating. Family visitation will be held from 3 to 4 P.M. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

A graveside service will take place at 11 A.M. on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Oak Hill Cemetery Chapel in Plymouth, Indiana. Memorials may be made to World Missionary Press.

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

Oak Hill Cemetery Chapel

1300 Chester Street
Plymouth, IN 46563

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

PUBLIC GRAVESIDE SERVICE

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tressie Stair*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Tressie Stair*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

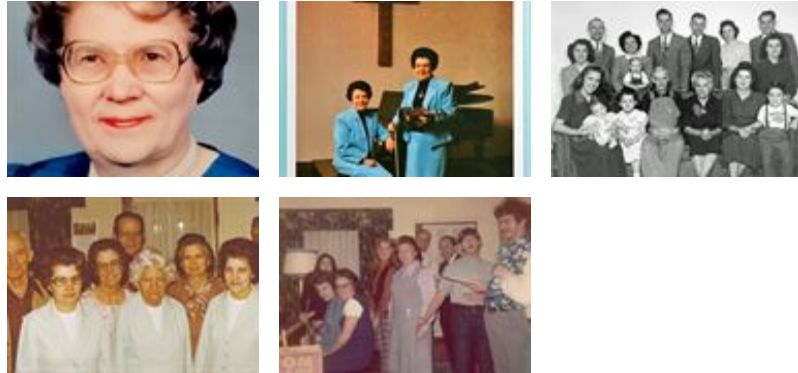


“ *I stumbled upon this Obituary, while looking for another. I remember her from her days teaching at Ossian. That was fifty plus years ago! I was just a kid. I will be keeping your family in my thoughts. I am sorry for your loss.*
Stacy W. Schoeff

Stacy W. Schoeff - August 10, 2022 at 07:53 AM



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 07:49 AM



“ *Miss Stair was my second grade teacher at Berne Elementary School. I didn't remember that she lived in the area but I do remember hearing that she and her sister would play violin for Swiss Village residents. May God wrap His loving arms around your family as you grieve, but remember that she is in His presence now and be comforted in that fact.*

Deborah Amstutz - August 02, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Sheree Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Tressie Stair*



Sheree Hollingsworth - July 29, 2022 at 05:23 PM

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“ *Rose M lit a candle in memory of Tressie Stair*



Rose m - July 29, 2022 at 05:18 PM

VJ

“ *Stair family, Thinking of you all. So sad to hear that we've lost wonderful Tressie but so happy for her! Heaven's music is even more beautiful now. God bless you, Tressie. ❤️ You've met the Master. Valerie*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - July 28, 2022 at 02:41 AM