



Vida E Stair

January 8, 1927 - January 22, 2018

Vida E. Stair, 91, of Bluffton passed away on Monday afternoon, January 22, 2018, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

She was born on January 8, 1927 in Marshall County, Indiana to Harry C. & Lillie A. (Beyler) Stair. Vida graduated from LaPaz High School 1945 and Marian College in 1949, where she was elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Later she graduated from Ball State University with her Masters in Education. Vida taught Elementary Education for many years in Wells and Allen County, and retired from teaching from Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Vida was blessed with the gift of music and dedicated her life to sharing her gift with others. She loved to play the piano accompanied by her sister Tressie, on the violin, playing for the Wells Community Theater and many other special productions in northeast Indiana. Over the years, they played for countless weddings and funeral services.

Vida is survived by her sisters Tressie M. Stair and Vera R. Klatt, both of Bluffton along with nieces and nephews: Victoria R. Goodman Benson, Ruth E. Goodman Johnson, Harry (Patricia) Goodman, Mark (Dawn) Klatt, Philip (Martha) Klatt, David (Debra) Klatt, Chuck (Wanda) Stair, Roger (Kay) Stair, Rose M. (Dwight) Robart, Thomas (Catherine) Stair and Tim (Jan) Stair.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Victor I. Stair and Raymond A. Stair, two sisters Rose A. Stair Goodman and Virginia Lillie Stair and one nephew Donald W. Goodman and two nephews-in-law, Jay Benson and Jerry Johnson.

A Service to Celebrate Vida's life will be held at 3:30 P.M. Friday (January 26, 2018) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with her nephew, Pastor Tim Stair officiating. Calling Hours will be held from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. on Friday at the funeral home, prior to the service.

A graveside service will take place at 1 P.M. on Saturday (January 27, 2018) 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

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life Service

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vida E Stair*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *"Miss Stair" was my second teacher Poplar Grove School. What I most remember most about Miss Stair was that often passed out ice cream treats during class for good behavior. One day she passed out pop cycles, and I had never seen one before, and didn't know what to with it. So I put in my desk. About 20 minutes later there was a dripping noise coming from my desk, (I was near the front of the room) and she asked what that noise was. Yes, my pop cycle was melting. Miss Stair gave me a "little" scolding, but did not make a big deal out of it, and the rest of the class had a good laugh on me.*

J. Edward Metz, Poplar Grove School , 1952-1953

J. Edward Metz - March 13, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ *God bless you, Vida. Thank you for all the beautiful music you and Tressie provided for us Sunday after Sunday. And for all the laughs! My memories of you and your patriotism and love of our Lord will last forever. What a lovely service Tim had for you. A lovely tribute to a lovely lady. Hugs and much love, Valerie*

Valerie Jackson - January 27, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ *1960-1961, 3rd grade, Washington Center Elementary School, north of Fort Wayne on Wallen Road. Ms. Stair was my wonderful teacher. A few years back after my 40 year high school reunion, one of my classmates told me about visiting Ms. Stair and that Ms. Stair had given her some of our original "essays" written in 3rd grade. Oh my goodness, when I received mine, I could only imagine the worry Ms Stair must have had about us and whether we would turn out alright as adults.....the "essays" were quite unique to say the least. Of all my elementary school teachers she is probably the one I have reminisced about more than all the others combined. Thank you, Ms Stair, I hope we all exceeded your expectations.*

*Richard Yost
West Melbourne, Florida*

Richard Yost - January 25, 2018 at 09:36 AM

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“ Trudy Young lit a candle in memory of Vida E Stair



Trudy Young - January 24, 2018 at 01:23 PM

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“ I think all of us as nieces and nephews will remember the great back porch days of turkey tracks, Skip Bo, popcorn and ice cream! But one memory which becomes more hilarious with time is when my wife, Tricia, and I visited during an IU basketball game. Our attention was slowly turned away from the game and onto Vida and Tressie. I was amazed how enthusiastically they were into it. They knew every player, and when watching on the TV they were listening to the radio! It seems they couldn't stand the suspense of not knowing how things were going to turn out and had discovered that the radio time lag was 6 seconds less than TV. It was somewhat confusing to hear the radio announcer declare "And it's good!" While watching the free thrower still dribbling! But they loved it! Vida really cared about her small church, too, and each of her friends there.

Harry Goodman - January 23, 2018 at 12:34 PM

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And her church friends love her and Tressie dearly. We are heartbroken. Thank you for the smile. IU basketball and politics were 2 of Vida's favorite subjects. Wonderful, wonderful lady. And an amazing talent.

Valerie Jackson - January 24, 2018 at 12:06 PM

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Vida and Tressie were such great neighbors and are missed very much. So many, many memories! Best of all though was when they played for my daughter Julie's wedding! They made the day even more meaningful with their beautiful music!

Diane Owen - January 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM