



## Mary L. Hartzler

November 8, 1928 - November 17, 2023

Mary Louise Hartzler, 95, of Rushville, passed away November 17, 2023, in Rushville. Mary was born November 8, 1928, on a farm in Gings, Indiana, to Anthony and Lena (Wench) Hood. She was a 1946 graduate of Mays High School at the top of her class. After high school, she worked as a waitress in the City Restaurant in Rushville, fell in love and married John (Jake) Hartzler. They immediately started a family, and she was a stay at home housewife until John had the first of many heart attacks. She then became Deputy Clerk Treasurer for the City of Rushville in 1962. In 1968, she accepted her dream job as Secretary to the Principal at Rushville High School where she would spend the next 30 years. One of her proudest moments was passing out the diplomas to the graduating seniors. All who passed through Rushville High School fondly remembered and loved Mary's intense work ethic and smiling face. Mary often said she loved her job so much, she would do it "even if they didn't pay me". While working, Mary earned a distinguished honor, The Athena Award, for her community service. Mary was an avid bowler well into her 80's and traveled to tournaments out of town to compete. Mary also belonged to a home economics club, The Hint Hunters, for over 65 years, hosting at her home once a year. She was also a member of the Business Professional Women's Association for 30 years. She was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church and taught Sunday school for over 40 years. She filled in at the church office whenever someone was sick or needed time off. After retiring from the high school at age 69, every Friday she would obtain

the hymn numbers, sermon title and scriptures and carefully type the bulletin and join the other ladies to assemble the program for Sunday. She also did bookkeeping for Carlton Truck Accessories until her eyesight precluded her ability to post the ledger entries. Her greatest joy was to attend sporting events and activities of the 3 grandchildren, and then her 5 great-grandchildren. Being a grandparent was her crowning achievement and brought her the greatest joy, and she always enjoyed buying "Colts" paraphernalia for Christmas gifts. She also planned a craft to be done with the great-grandchildren at Thanksgiving to give to nursing home residents for Christmas gifts. She and John would often travel to Minnesota with their good friends, the Payne's, for fishing getaways. Every summer, she would plant gorgeous inpatiens that mounded the foundation of her shaded yard on Benjamin Street; they were showstoppers.

She will be missed by her son, William Hartzler, Fishers; her son, Jack Hartzler, Rushville; her daughter, Carol (Walter) Osterburg, Greenwood; her brothers, Roman and Eddie Hood, Rushville; her sister, Roberta Rebiskie, Kansas; her grandchildren, Melinda (Chris) Bundy, Brookville; Michael Hartzler, Franklin; Jacque (Benjie) Cregar, Greenwood; her great-grandchildren, Landon Bundy, Adrienne Bundy, Meredith Bundy, Madeline Cregar, Mallory Cregar, step-grandson, Matt (Allison) Osterburg, Indianapolis, and step-great-grandson, Nicolas (Faith), Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters, Alice and Patricia; her brother, Joseph, and her daughter-in-law, Deborah.

Services for Mary will be held at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rushville, Indiana, Saturday, November 25, at noon with Pastor Lonnie Goen presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family before the service, 10:30 to noon. Burial will be in Rushville's East Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rushville, Indiana.

# Cemetery Details

## East Hill Cemetery

746-740 IN-44  
Rushville, IN 46173

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 25. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
426 North Morgan Street  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-3777

## Service

NOV 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Paul's United Methodist Church  
426 N Morgan St  
Rushville, IN 46173-1609  
(765) 932-3777

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *What a joy she was to work with! Always smiling and eager to help anyone. She truly lived the good life*

---

**Jerry Kent** - November 27, 2023 at 08:05 PM

DM

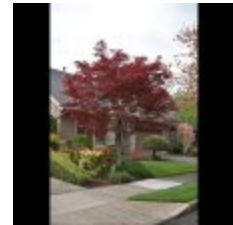
“ *Deb & John Miles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. Hartzler.*

---

**Deb & John Miles** - November 24, 2023 at 08:25 AM

DM

“ *Deb & John Miles purchased the Red Leaf Japanese Maple for the family of Mary L. Hartzler.*



---

**Deb & John Miles** - November 24, 2023 at 08:25 AM

TS

“ *Tom Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Hartzler*



---

**Tom Stumpf** - November 23, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary L. Hartzler.*



---

November 21, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Photos*



---

**Perry Piper** - November 20, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *To The Family of Mary Hartzler,*

*My brother, Perry Piper, notified me that Aunt Mary had passed. I have fond memories of Aunt Mary when my husband, Darrin and I would come to visit. Aunt Mary enjoyed conversation and she would have this infectious laugh when she would get tickled during the conversations. I always remember her having a smile on her face. Please know your family are in our thoughts and prays.*

---

**Karen Moege** - November 20, 2023 at 11:11 AM



*My wife and I send our condolences to the extended family of Mary. I knew Bill and Jack through Little League and school experiences. RIP to their mother.*

---

**Perry Bennett** - November 21, 2023 at 02:23 PM

CM

“ To the family of Mary Hartzler,  
I worked with Mary for several years at RCHS. She was always a kind and considerate person striving to do her very best for all those she encountered. I remember her retirement bowling party and how surprised and excited she was to celebrate it in such a way. She will always be remembered with kind thoughts. My sincere condolences on the lose of your loved one.

God Bless,  
Carolyn Meyer

---

**Carolyn Meyer** - November 20, 2023 at 10:58 AM

DL

“ Diana and Dick Lane purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary L. Hartzler.



---

**Diana and Dick Lane** - November 20, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DL

“ Diana and Dick Lane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. Hartzler.

---

**Diana and Dick Lane** - November 20, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary L. Hartzler.



---

November 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM

PP

“ Bill, Jack and Carol, so sorry to hear about Aunt Mary, I will miss her smile and her bubbly personality. I will let mom know her sister has passed. Sadly, she is in the nursing home in and is not able to travel and make it to the funeral. I will try to add a photo of Aunt Mary and Mom for the funeral.  
May God Bless and Comfort you All.  
Perry Piper

Perry Piper - November 20, 2023 at 09:30 AM

RW

“ Ruth Ellen and John Weems planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. Hartzler.

Ruth Ellen and John Weems - November 20, 2023 at 08:59 AM

RW

“ Ruth Ellen and John Weems purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary L. Hartzler.



Ruth Ellen and John Weems - November 20, 2023 at 08:59 AM

JS

“ Carol, your mom was a wonderful human being. Always had a smile for everyone. I remember her sending me notes when Terry VanNatta’s boys were born, my nephews. Embrace her life and all your wonderful memories of your mom.

Julie Self-Allen - November 20, 2023 at 02:04 AM



“ Tom Tighe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. Hartzler.

Tom Tighe - November 19, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary L. Hartzler.



November 19, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ 🙏❤️🙏



Greg Raika - November 19, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ To Bill and the rest of the family. We are sorry for your loss.



Paula Constant - November 19, 2023 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ *A truly great lady. I will always remember her as a kind and caring person. Heaven just gained an angel*

John Byrne - November 19, 2023 at 11:07 AM

MS

“ *Mardeana Suttle lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Hartzler*



Mardeana Suttle - November 19, 2023 at 09:05 AM

RC

“ *She was a great lady. My condolences to the family.*



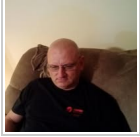
Ron D. Cameron - November 19, 2023 at 08:40 AM

CS

“ *Cindy Vandeventer Sever sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary L. Hartzler*



Cindy Vandeventer Sever - November 18, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Hartzler*



---

**Jim Walker** - November 18, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary L. Hartzler.*



---

November 18, 2023 at 05:39 PM