



Sylvia Payne

August 23, 1937 - August 18, 2016

Sylvia Haffner Payne of Rushville, Indiana passed away on Thursday August 18, 2016 . She was born in South Bend, Indiana, August 23, 1937 to C.S. (Larry) and Mary Haffner. When Sylvia was a Junior in High School, she moved to New Castle, Indiana where she graduated from New Castle High School in 1955. Sylvia attended Hanover College and Ball State University. Encouraging children to read was an enduring passion and she taught for many decades in the Rushville schools. Sylvia was always very involved in events and organizations in Rushville and instilled a love of community service in her children. For all her volunteer activities, she was perhaps most renown and beloved at Halloween for being The Spider Lady to generations of trick-or-treating children.

She married Jim Payne on June 14, 1959, her best friend and sweetheart for 57 years of wonderful adventures. He survives, along with her children, Kathy Payne of Columbus, Ohio, Deborah Bergren of Pittsburgh, PA and David (Denise) Payne of Rushville, six beloved grandchildren; Anders, Kelsey, Britta, Elissa Bergren, Lauryn and Carter Payne, two exchange grandchildren; Kelly and Guillem, and a grandkitty; Cheyenne. She is also survived by her cherished cousins and many devoted and lifelong friends.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the caring staff at Rush Memorial Hospital, Millers Merry Manor and Our Hospice of South Central Indiana.

Sylvia loved a party and to honor her social nature a celebration of life will be

held from 4-8 PM Tuesday August 23, 2016, on what would have been her 79th birthday, at the 201 Building in Rushville (201 N. Main Street). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chapter "M" P.E.O. Scholarship Fund, Rush County Community Foundation, Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation, or Our Hospice of South Central Indiana.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Payne*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Patricia Coons lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Payne*



Patricia Coons - August 24, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Remembering times we spent together , sharing celebrations of our grandchildren. our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family today, especially Deb, Anders, Kelsey, Britta, and Elissa. Love to all of you, JoAnn & Leonard Bergren*

JoAnn Bergren - August 22, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with the Payne family as you celebrate her beautiful memory. Love, Tim, Uma, Josh, Justin, Rocky*



Uma Zielinski - August 21, 2016 at 07:41 PM

PJ

“ I will remember her sweet smile. She was always so kind when we walked by, when I saw her and Jim at the Park. Her love of life and others will be greatly missed. But, she is rejoined with some dear friends she said goodbye to in the last couple of years. Oh the stories they are sharing.

Jim and family, may Gods peace and comforting presence surround you at this time.

Pastor Jan

Pastor Jan - August 21, 2016 at 01:43 PM

TB

“ The family of Louise Buchanan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sylvia Payne.



The family of Louise Buchanan - August 21, 2016 at 01:21 PM

MC

“ I did not know Sylvia very well, but we did enjoy a chat at Kathy's home sitting on the sofa. A lovely lady and I know she will be sorely missed. Condolences to the family.



Mary Lou Conkle - August 21, 2016 at 01:15 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your Loss David, Denise, Lauryn and Carter and Payne families. Awesome that she went peacefully. Blessing to all of you!
Doug and Joyce Wilke



Joyce H Wilke - August 21, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Sylvia Payne.



August 20, 2016 at 01:43 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Sylvia was a special lady who will be missed. Prayers for all of you. Jennifer Barnes and family.



Jennifer Barnes - August 20, 2016 at 11:11 AM

MS

“ Sorry for your loss. I worked with Sylvia many years at RES and feel she was not only a wonderful friend but person.
Margaret Spitzer



Margaret Spitzer - August 20, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sylvia Payne.*



August 20, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ *I am so sorry for you loss. Sylvia was a special friend. We worked many years together at St Mary and Arlington elementaries. I learned so much from her. She always had everyone's best interest at heart. She will be greatly missed.*
Jean Stanley



Jean Stanley - August 19, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *Nancy Tucker lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Payne*



Nancy Tucker - August 18, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ To Jim (dad) and family my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Sylvia (mom). Was like a second mother to me when I was growing up and always will be! I remember all the get togethers, holiday's, sitting around the fire in your back yard, the special Halloween's, etc. Sylvia will always have a special place in my heart! Love Nancy T.

Nancy Tucker - August 18, 2016 at 06:24 PM



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Nancy Tucker - August 18, 2016 at 06:23 PM