



Dorothy Mae Burford

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Dorothy Mae Burford, 88, passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at St. Anne Home & Retirement Community, Fort Wayne. Born in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late Blaine and Emily Isabelle (Cramer) Butler. Dorothy attended the New Haven United Methodist Church, New Haven where she was involved with United Methodist Women, Bible Study and numerous activities. Dorothy was a local piano instructor for over 70 years. She attended the St. Louis Institute of Music and was a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers. She was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family. Her beloved husband of 67 years, Bill, died on September 11, 2020. She is survived by her Children, Laura (Rick) Claypool of New Haven, Kathleen (Lew) Thatcher of Stowe, VT, and Donald (Shannon) Burford of New Haven; 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Florence Walter, Ralston and Kenneth Robert Butler. Graveside service is 11 a.m., Saturday, December 12, 2020 at IOOF Cemetery, 1109 Hartzell Rd., New Haven. Pastor Chuck Fenwick. Masks and social distancing required. Due to Covid concerns, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Preferred memorials to the church. Arrangements by Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven.



Events


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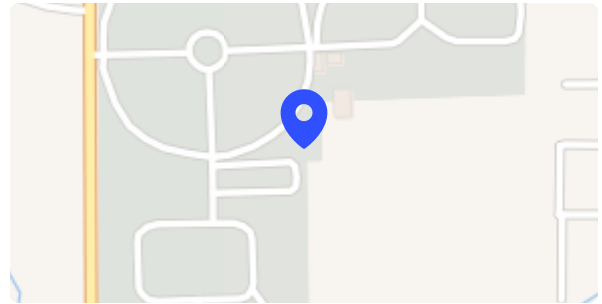
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Graveside Service


 **Saturday**, December 12, 2020

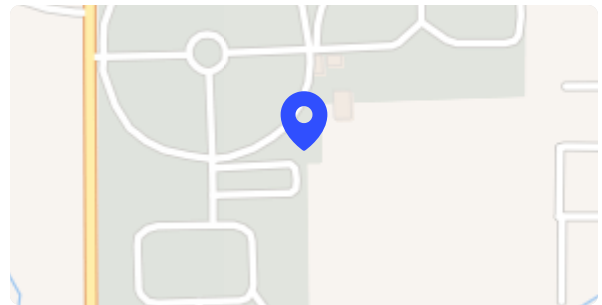
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 **IOOF Cemetery**
1109 Hartzell Rd., New Haven IN 46774



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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SB

Sue Braun posted:

My thoughts and prayers to your family. Dorothy and my mother Margie Burkett Scheimann were long-time New Havenites, piano players, walkers, and were neighbors about 15 years ago. More recently I was her neighbor a few doors down on Green Street. As Dorothy would be walking and would see me outside working in the yard, she always gave me a big smile and a hello! Sue Braun

December 11 at 10:43 AM

CW

Christy (Cass) Walker posted:

I have great memories of my 10 years of piano lessons with Mrs. Burford. The satisfaction when she declared that you'd mastered a piece and gave it the rubber stamp. The anxious flutter of being called into a lesson early to perform a memorized piece for the student before you. The reverent hush of the two pianos at the front of the darkened Fellowship Hall on recital day. Mrs. Burford was a great teacher and a terrific lady. She and Mr. Burford helped bring music into so many students lives, and our lives are fuller because of them.

December 4 at 10:07 AM

GS

Greg Smith posted:

Laura and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing ! I found out last Friday & I'm sorry I didn't respond sooner . Dorothy was a great lady & I enjoyed our conversations @ church . We usually shared a hug as well . I always enjoyed your parents as from time to time when they would play a duet during a service, Very enjoyable! I will truly miss them as they were an inspiration to me !

December 1 at 10:52 AM

RF

Ruth Brand Farrell posted:

Laura and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom and both your parents. Believe it or not, I have such wonderful memories of piano lessons (I hated practicing but enjoyed the lessons) followed by trips to the library. Your mom was always encouraging and down-to-business (a wonderful combination). Much love during this very tough time.

December 1 at 6:13 AM



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Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Burford family.



November 30 at 6:46 AM



Mary Jayne Essex/Eagleson posted:

I remember your mom and dad, so very well. I took piano, from your dad, as well as my sister, Jackie. My daughter Lindsay, was taught, by your mom. So, my family, all loved your mom and dad. I attended high school, with Kathy, and we both graduated in 1977. I send my deepest condolences to the Burford family. Your parents were special people. Being married that long, is an art, in itself. They are together

November 29 at 5:38 PM



Penny Doty lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

Our sincerest condolences to all of Dorothy's children. Families She was a sweet, kind, caring, loving, beautiful lady. She loved everyone. Had the chance to attend meetings, work with her, talk to her thru church. She will sure be missed. Your newest angel to serve our lord. Love, hugs to all 🍷❤️🍷❤️



November 27 at 2:01 PM

CR Charlie And Maxine Roberts November 28 at 5:08 PM

Sorry to hear Dorothy has passed. Now she is with Bill. My son took lessons from her and Bill for seven years. So talented. Also knew them from church. Condolences to the family.



Sharon Edwards posted:

Laura and Family, prayers of comfort on the passing of your Mother. Dorothy was a lovely woman and I so enjoyed working with her on several church events. Sharon Edwards

November 27 at 9:20 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dorothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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