



Inez Mae Wood

March 12, 1915 - April 11, 2015

Inez Mae (Apple) Wood, 100, of New Castle, passed away early Saturday morning, April 11, 2015.

She was born March 12, 1915 in Rush County, a daughter of the late Faran Brinton McClellan and Ida Bell (Clark) Apple.

Inez was a graduate of the Class of 1933 from Mays High School and Ball State Teachers College in 1935. She was a teacher at the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Knightstown and later she opened the Wonderland Kindergarten for four years in her home. Inez also managed the Baker Park Pool and Concession and Tots and Teens Children's Clothing Shop on South Main Street until the store closed. She then went to work at Sears and was manager of the Catalog Department, retiring in 1980 when the New Castle Sears closed. Following her retirement, she did babysitting at the Rose Bowl, Mt. Summit Christian Church and for several doctors. In 1992 she went to work at Walmart as a greeter and retired in 2008 at the age of 93. Inez was a life-long member of Center Christian Church in Mays.

Inez loved being around her family and organized and hosted the annual family reunion. Her favorite times were spent swimming and enjoying her backyard. She often commented that there was no reason to go on vacation because she vacationed in her backyard.

Inez married Charles (Chuck) Wood in 1936; they had three children, James (Jim) Wood, Jacqueline Jo Thomas and Robin L. Wood.

She is survived by a son, James (Jerrie) Wood; a daughter, Jacqueline (John) Thomas both of New Castle; her grandchildren, John C. Thomas (Patty), Melody Kappauf (Wayne), Frank "Mike" Wood (Jessie), Deborah Garrison (Bruce), Micki Neal, Aaron Wood (Laura), Pamela Graber (Scott), Kiersten Howard (Denny), Sarah Radermacher (Ryan), Rob Wood (Giulianna) and Ryan Wood (Amy); 13 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles (Chuck) Wood; a son, Robin L. Wood; brothers, Ola Apple, George Apple, Russell Apple and Leroy Apple and sisters, Mary Elizabeth Apple, Luva Menaugh and Clara Powers.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Bruce Garrison officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Inez Wood.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery

505 Bundy Ave.
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HH

“ *Inez Wood was a very special person. Very outgoing, very personable and never knew a stranger. My fondest memories of her was when she and husband, Chuck, managed Baker Park swimming pool. My sister, Pat, and I had the pleasure of working for them during that time. She taught us how to be people oriented. In addition, she was a person who loved to swim and did every chance she had while involved with the pool. My sister and I are sure that as a mother, grandmother, great grand mother she taught her kids what was important in life. She will be missed, but remember all of the good things and cherish those memories.* ”



Herb Bunch, Pat Bunch Herr - April 15, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MV

“ *Mary Vitatoe lit a candle in memory of Inez Mae Wood* ”



Mary Vitatoe - April 14, 2015 at 09:15 PM

JH

“ I remember Mrs. Wood as an attractive tall, blonde lady who was lucky to have one of the first in ground swimming pools at a private residence. She loved to swim and looked physically fit. During her failing years her children and son-in-law have been totally devoted to her having the best care they could provide. May God bless your lives for this special devotion.

Joyce Henderson

Joyce Henderson - April 14, 2015 at 08:34 PM

JN

“ She will be missed. My mind is filled with memories from my days as a child in her kindergarten class to many years later when she was a greeter at Walmart. Having had a knee replacement, she got an electric cart for me, stored my crutches in a closet, and said to me, "Jimmy, I don't know if I will ever get you raised. I had to wipe your nose in Kindergarten and am still having to look after you". She laughed and smiled as her eyes sparkled with happiness in being able to help. She was a great lady and an inspiration. My prayers remain with her family. Jim Nipp

James Nipp - April 14, 2015 at 07:08 PM

GK

“ George & May Bebawi and John & Lorna Van Kirk purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Inez Mae Wood.



George & May Bebawi and John & Lorna Van Kirk - April 14, 2015 at 09:04 AM

Wilma
Royer
Massenga

“ *Wilma Royer Massengale lit a candle in memory of Inez Mae Wood*



Wilma Royer Massengale - April 14, 2015 at 05:01 AM

SK

“ *My favorite memory of Inez was seeing her as Cat Woman at Walmart. I worked with Inez for a few years. It was in inspiration to here her talk about her life and all that she could still do at her age.*



Sharon Koepf - April 13, 2015 at 09:09 PM

LI

“ *Inez was such an inspirational woman. She babysat my youngest son so I could help out at the girls' school. Around that time I was carrying my son (then about 16 mo old) down the stairs when I heard him making a noise that sounded like he was counting. Counting??? Certainly not, I thought, he was barely talking. Then one day I came home early when Inez was babysitting - then I heard her counting with my son as she carried him down the stairs. She said she did that with him at least 20 times each day when she came to babysit him. She was a special teacher and loved children.*

Linda - April 13, 2015 at 05:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Inez Mae Wood.



April 13, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Inez Mae Wood.



April 13, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Inez Mae Wood.



April 12, 2015 at 11:37 AM