



Mary M. Akins

May 22, 1926 - February 22, 2016

Mary M. Akins, 89, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord early on the morning of Monday, February 22, 2016 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born May 22, 1926 in Albany, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Roland and Hadia (Neal) Guffey.

Mary retired from Henry County Hospital after 20 years of employment as a nurse's aid. She was a long-time member of the Southside Church of Christ in New Castle and enjoyed quilting, crocheting and visiting with her friends in her apartment.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Blenda Clark of New Castle; three grandchildren, Lora (husband: Richard) Dye, Shawn York (fiancé: Thomas Carpenter) and Dwight (wife: Brandy) Martin all of New Castle; seven great-grandchildren, Chase York, Miranda Brown, Austin, Aaliyah, Kaylynne, Alyssa and Landon Martin; a great-great-grandson, Jaydin Michael Remy; brother, Odell (wife: Pat) Guffey of Marion; half-brother, Ezra (wife: Virginia) Smith of New Castle; half-sister, Barbara (husband: Herman) Riggs of New Castle and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Norman E. Akins; a sister, Emerine Guffey and five brothers, Dudley, Russell, Junior, Cornel "Dick" and

Cordell Guffey.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Green Hills Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mary Akins.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memory Gardens

3578 W State Road 38
New Castle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
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Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Sherrienne Beckett lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Akins*



Sherrienne Beckett - February 25, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary M. Akins.*



February 23, 2016 at 02:09 PM

RR

“ *Belinda, it is so hard to lose a loved one, and our Mother especially. (I lost mine this past July) Your mom was a very special kind of woman that is very rare these days! She was a kind hearted person that loved life and her family. Our prayers and sympathy is with her entire family. Hold onto those precious memories. We love Mary.*



Ron and Donna Ragan - February 23, 2016 at 08:11 AM

LD

“ *LEDDA and i are so sorry for your loss,prayers for the family.*

ledda & stanley duke - February 23, 2016 at 06:27 AM

BH

“ Beverly Heskett lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Akins



Beverly Heskett - February 22, 2016 at 07:39 PM

BH

“ I was about 6 or 7 years old when I first met Mary (and Norman and Blinda). They lived around the corner from us and I quickly learned to love this Dear Lady (and not just because she almost always had a home baked cake to offer or her fantastic sourdough bread ... everything she cooked was great) she was truly one of THE most selfless ... giving ... caring ... people I've ever known. My brother married Blinda and so I ended up seeing many of Mary's family more than I ever did any of my own. Mary used to let me stop off at her house on my way home from school if I had to use the restroom before I could make it home ... she also used to often let me shower when our water heater wasn't working ... over the years she continued to treat me like family ... she was NEVER ever, nothing but good to me my whole life and I truly loved her as family. The world sees too few such as the likes of this GRAND Woman ... While I'm so glad your suffering is over Mary ... I will miss you. Bev (Martin) Heskett

Beverly Heskett - February 22, 2016 at 07:32 PM

PB

“ She was such a wonderful woman. I'll never forget the talks we had when she came to the nursing home where her brother resided. Rest in peace, Mary.

Patsy Benson - February 22, 2016 at 07:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary M. Akins.*



February 22, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ *Lisa Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Akins*



Lisa Jenkins - February 22, 2016 at 05:24 PM



“ *I have known Mary since I was just a little thing she was such a warm , kind gentle soul, every time I seen her out she would always say hello and ask how I was doing . i loved seeing her and speaking to her, even if it was just a quick hello and how are you today, my favorite part of the conversation was she always called me my moms name.*

Lisa Jenkins - February 22, 2016 at 05:24 PM

LR

“ *In my very early years as a young girl, I met this beautiful woman with long black hair, and the most beautiful blue eyes, that twinkled and seemed to smile at people. I loved her immediately, and have throughout my lifetime. I consider her as my one of my "aunts" and loved her as much. She was my mom's best friend. How many stories I heard from my mom, and aunt Mary about things that happened when they worked, and lived together. They had fun times, memories, always loved one another, and never forgot each other. After I lost my mom, I went to see Aunt Mary as often as I could, even though we lived in different states. I called her often, talked with her, and how soothing and comforting that was to me, as she was such a sweet, loving and wonderful woman.*

What a heavy heart I have today, but I did not want Aunt Mary to suffer any longer, even though selfishly, I prayed for her to stay with us. You shall be missed darling Mary, forever and a day. Someday I pray, we shall meet again on that beautiful shore, and may you and mom be together with the rest of my loved ones. I feel that you will be.

*Lovingly,
Lea*

Lea Roberts - February 22, 2016 at 05:08 PM



Such a sweet story! I didn't get to see my Aunt often, but I wish I could have! Praying for you and all of our families in this time of need <3 R.I.P. Aunt Mary <3 G.B.N.F.!

Brooklynn Nobles - February 22, 2016 at 05:52 PM