



Mary Ellen Raines

May 4, 1933 - February 16, 2022

Mary Ellen Raines, 88, of New Castle went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at home surrounded by her family.

Mary was born on May 4, 1933 in Lansing, Michigan, a daughter of the late Roy and Helen (Cornwell) Bush.

She met the love of her life, Richard Raines at a roller skating rink and they were married on January 1, 1954. "He met me going in circles and I kept him going in circles ever since." Mary served alongside her husband for 55 years as a pastor's wife and missionary in Grand Bahama, Dominica, Michigan and Blind River, Ontario, for 28 years.

She was an active member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in New Castle, Indiana. Mary was an avid children's ministry worker and in her later years, she had an encouragement ministry that included phone calls, sending cards and praying for people.

Those left to cherish her memory include five children, Tom Raines, Linda (husband: Don) Davison, Don (wife: Sharon) Raines, Rob (wife: Lydia) Raines and Cheryl Belcher; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Dick Shirely; a sister-in-law, Dora Metzmaker; adopted brother-in-law, Darwin Lamoreaux; nephews, Rob Shirely, Joe Shirely, Bill Bush Jr. and

numerous other nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Raines in October 2021; a son-in-law, Samuel Belcher; great-grandson, Ervin Samuel Tyson; sister, Jenny Shirely; brothers, Ronald Bush, Robert Bush, William Bush and a nephew, David Metzmaker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pilgrim Holiness Missions with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm, Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Don Raines officiating. The service will be live streamed by clicking here to watch. (<https://www.sprolesfamilycare.com/obituaries/Mary-Raines-8/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>)

Friends may call from 1 – 3 pm prior to the service on Sunday at the funeral home.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 am, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition in New Castle.

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 Ellen Raines.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Ellen Raines*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - February 19, 2022 at 11:26 AM

CR

*Good service
Sorry I couldn't stop by for a quick visit*

Christina Robinson - February 20, 2022 at 06:58 PM

CE

“ *Condolences to the Raines family during such a sad moment. I have fond memories of Mr & Mrs Raines as we would enjoy camping activities and church outings together. May your soul continue to rest in eternal peace.*

From Crispin Esprit & family

Crispin Esprit - February 20, 2022 at 02:45 PM

CR

“ *I am glad I got a chance to cared for her when I did she is a living and sweet lady*

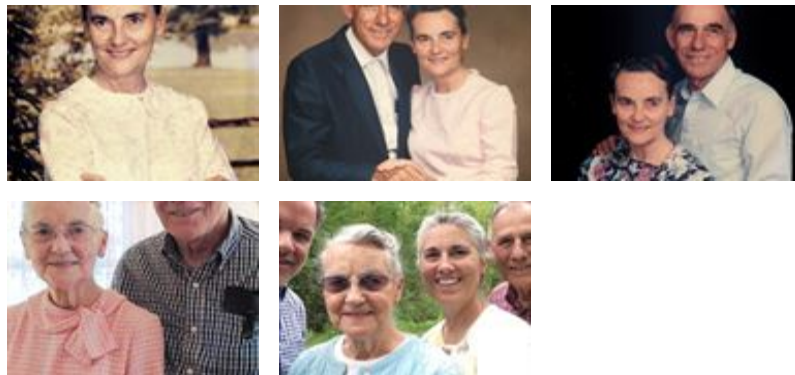


Our sincerest condolences on the passing of your mother. She was a very special woman, and she will be missed by many. Sending prayers to you and your family.

Christina Robinson - February 20, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *123 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - February 19, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ We got to know Bro. and Sis. Raines when we were pastoring in Lansing, MI and I taught for a time at their church school. This was before Lydia married into the family. Sis. Raines was truly a helpmate in the ministry to Bro. Raines. I remember her as a bundle of energy going from one task to another caring for family and church. She really looked out for the health of her family. I remember the time she brought Bro. Raines his carrot juice, which he dutifully drank. Then there was the time when they invited us over after revival services and Sis. Raines asked the evangelist, Rev. Wayne States, if he wanted any jelly with whatever it was that we were having. He seemed about to decline when Bro. Raines spoke up and said, "Yes, you do." It seemed to me that Sis. Raines did not bring it out very often as it was not very healthy. I don't know if I laughed then, but I have several time since when I have remembered it. Her work has been completed and she has won Heaven. Beverly and I are praying for the family even though we rejoice in her victory we know the loss is still felt. - Rev. Ken Bladen

Ken Bladen - February 19, 2022 at 08:30 AM

AN

“ Even tho I helped take care of Mary for a short time I enjoyed the time I spent with her. She didn't want to get out of bed most days but she did and always wanted to sit in her rocking chair and rock. Heaven has gained such a sweet lady.

Angel - February 16, 2022 at 10:54 PM

RH

“ It was our delight to fill in for Bro and Sis Raines many years ago in Dominica. They were a godly, sacrificial couple, and well loved by their people. Our prayers are with you in your loss. Rev and Mrs Tom Haight

Rev Tom Haight - February 16, 2022 at 03:11 PM

ME

“ *I will always treasure the time I was given to sit by Marys' side. Each one of her children made me feel blessed to be there for Mary and everyone else at her home. Mary finally got to go to Heaven with our Heavenly Father as well as her beloved husband, with the knowledge that her children would continue in their faith and follow her to that mansion she seen when God calls each one of them home. Mechelle Eggers HAH Aide*

Mechelle Eggers - February 16, 2022 at 01:16 PM