



## Charlotte A. Bays

April 30, 1947 - March 9, 2024

Charlotte A. Bays, 76, of rural Silver Lake, Indiana passed peacefully and went home to be with her Lord and Savior at 3:30 pm, Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Charlotte was born on April 30, 1947 in Rochester, Indiana to the late Maynard "Hap" and Josephine (Hopkins) McCloughan. On March 7, 1964 she married Elmon "Jay" Bays, who survives. The two shared a lifetime of memories together and recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. The two of them enjoyed going to bluegrass concerts and dinner from "The Red Applebees". She also enjoyed taking trips to the casino, where she would gamble for hours with her sister-in-law Betty McCloughan and grandkids.

Charlotte was a member of the Old Cross Road Baptist Church, where she enjoyed singing hymns and worshipping with her church family. She also enjoyed spending time with her 3 children who she loved dearly and was so proud of. She was always just a phone call away when needed no matter the day of time.

She leaves behind her husband Elmon Bays of Silver Lake; children Rodney and wife Tara Bays of North Manchester, Randy and wife Becky Bays of Mentone, and Nikki Cook of Silver Lake; grandchildren Trista, Brandon, CJ, Austin, Kody, Travis, Brittany, Kassie, Amanda, Rochelle, Chassidy, and

Rocky; 28 Great Grandchildren, and her beloved yorkie Barbie.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Joyce Overlander and Marie Hollon, brother Oscar McCloughan, mother-in-law Scenie Bays Creekmore, sister-in-law Delta Faye Creekmore, nephews Billy Sroufe and Steven Sroufe, great grandson Wrensley Swihart, and her beloved dogs Rusty, Ben, and Buddy.

The funeral service will take place at 10:00 am, Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating.

The interment will take place in the Palestine Cemetery, Palestine, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm, Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to her husband Elmon Bays.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
(574) 893-4423  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlotte A. Bays



Hartzler Funeral Services - March 13, 2024 at 10:17 AM

BC

*My condolences to the whole family.. I loved Charlotte so very much... Ya'll are in my prayers ❤️ She's with Oscar, Marie, Steve, Billy and parents now. Ya'll are loved. Love Becky Chandler*

Becky Chandler - July 28, 2024 at 07:33 AM

JS

“ *EJ: Funny that I was dreaming of you last night and when we used to see you at Mama Bays in Packerton. I am Joe Sheperd, brother of Addam, son of Albert. I attended school with Charles Creekmore, we both graduated at Pierceton. After graduation, I joined the Army and have traveled the world. Completing six years with them, I got out and went to college in Oklahoma. I now live in Wichita, Kansas. Sorry to hear about your wife and sorry that we never got a chance to meet her. We do hope that all is going well for you.*

*Joe Shepherd*

Joe Edd Shepherd - March 20, 2024 at 07:02 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Charlotte’s passing. She and I are cousins. Uncle Hap and my dad Ben were brothers. Our families spent time together as we were growing up. Wow! Twenty-eight grandchildren. She has left quite a legacy.

Sandra Streit - March 15, 2024 at 06:01 PM

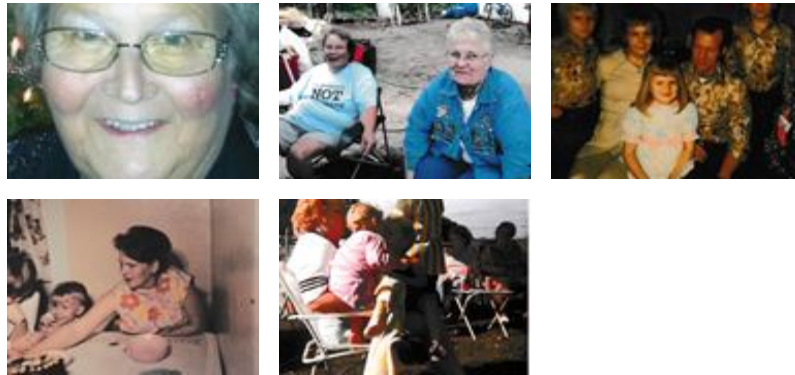
RH

“ Elmon and family I am so sorry for your loss. It is so hard to see friends of the Mom and Dads past away. I have very fond memories of you guys as we were kids growing up. Sorry I couldn’t make the viewing as I am under the weather right now. But I wanted to express my thoughts and prayers for you and the family.  
Rick & Angie Hendrickson

Richard Hendrickson - March 14, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - March 13, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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“ *The Spencerman & Zimmerman family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charlotte A. Bays.*



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**The Spencerman & Zimmerman family** - March 12, 2024 at 06:52 PM

CS

“ *Clarence And Shirley Smith lit a candle in memory of Charlotte A. Bays*



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**Clarence and Shirley Smith** - March 12, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charlotte A. Bays.*



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March 12, 2024 at 01:58 PM

BH

“ *So sorry for your loss Elmon, Cousin Charlotte will be greatly missed.  
our condolences to your family. Lorraine and Dwayne(Hopkins)*

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**Byrl D Hopkins** - March 11, 2024 at 10:02 PM

BD

“ *Byrl D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte A. Bays.*

Byrl D. - March 11, 2024 at 09:21 PM

BW

“ *Charlotte was our classmate in the Class of " '65". She was a very sweet, funny and a good friend to all who knew her. Please accept our deepest sympathies for the loss of someone so dear to her family and friends. May God truly bless all her loved ones as they go through this difficult time.*

*Butch and Diane Warren*

Butch and Diane Warren - March 11, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charlotte A. Bays.*



March 11, 2024 at 01:40 PM