



Dixie Ann Arter

December 4, 1937 - April 4, 2025

Dixie Ann Arter, 87, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana passed unexpectedly on Friday, April 4, 2025 at Parkview Regional Medical Center of Ft. Wayne after a fall at her home.

Dixie was born on December 4, 1937, in Gilead, Indiana, to the late Lewis and Edyth L. (Powell) Myers. A 1955 graduate of Akron High School, she later pursued studies at Indiana University in Fort Wayne. On February 24, 1957, she married Stephen G. Arter in Akron, Indiana. He preceded her in death on June 21, 2003.

Throughout her life, Dixie embraced a variety of roles. She worked as an investigator for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and as a dedicated homemaker raising her family. Her professional journey also included positions as a bartender at The Retreat in Fort Wayne and a sales and advertising associate for Cummins Printing as well as being self employed, where she specialized in selling coffee cups, placemats, and menus to small restaurants. Additionally, she traveled extensively, visiting Sierra Leone on behalf of the United Methodist Church, and inspecting migrant camp in Northern Indiana. She also performed tasks for the U.S. Census Bureau, units her retirement.

Dixie's home was always open to many. She graciously hosted Christian

missionaries touring the country and exchange students from Africa. Her holiday gatherings were renowned, as she held festive Christmas parties and open houses for years. Her generosity extended to her children's friends, offering them a place to stay. She served as a 4-H Club leader in Fort Wayne, hosting meetings in her home.

Deeply involved in her community, Dixie volunteered with the YWCA and served on the board supporting the women's shelter for displaced homemakers. Since 1971, she was an active member of the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church where she was lay leader. She was also lay leader in the former Northern Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. In her younger years, she was active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship in Akron, Indiana.

In retirement, Dixie cherished her time at home, relishing the company of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her devoted companion of many years, Chuck. Her legacy of love, generosity, and service continues to inspire all who knew her.

She is survived by her companion Chuck Ramsey of Ft. Wayne; children Paul Arter and wife Natalia of Phoenix, Arizona and Peggy Good Hoyle and husband Steven of Bloomington; grandchildren Adrian, Lauro, Anthony, Xochitl Ann, Stephen, and Martin; 10 Great Grandchildren; and sister Sandra and husband Tom Sissel of Vermont; and a niece and nephew.

Dixie was preceded in death by her parents Lewis Myers Jr. and Edyth Rohr, husband Stephen, an infant brother Jay Myers, and a sister Carolyn Koenig.

The funeral service will take place at 11:00 am, Saturday, April 12, 2025 at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church 300 E Wayne St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 with the Rev. Dr. Mark Finstermacher officiating.

Her interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana at 2:00 pm, following the service, with Pastor David Eaton providing the committal service.

Visitation hours will be held from 10 am to 11 am, Saturday, April 12, 2025 at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Parkview Health Foundation 3844 New Vision Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

Cemetery Details

Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Wayne Street United Methodist Church
300 E Wayne Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Wayne Street United Methodist Church
300 E Wayne Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Graveside Service

APR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Akron Cemetery
S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dixie Ann Arter*



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 09, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ *Peggy, I'm sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a good friend to me and especially to the church. My prayers are with you.*
Marilyn

Rev. Marilyn Gebert - May 21, 2025 at 08:04 PM

“XÓCHITL WROTE THIS FOR HER GRANDMA ARTER, BUT IT DIDN'T GET READ AT HER MEMORIAL SERVICE. ❤️ I WANT TO SHARE IT NOW ❤️

Eulogy for Grandma Dixie

Hi everyone. Thank you for being here today to honor and celebrate the life of my Grandma Arter.

She was the kind of person who never missed a birthday. Every year, like clockwork, a card would arrive in the mail—thoughtful, handwritten, and full of love. I've kept just about every single one. They were more than cards; they were little pieces of her—reminders that she was always thinking of me.

This year, she sent my daughter her very first birthday card. I saved it, just like I saved all the others.

When I was still pregnant, Grandma bought a little purple dress for my daughter. At the time, it felt like such a sweet gesture—Grandma planning ahead, already loving this baby she hadn't met yet. And coincidentally, that dress fits her now. So today, my daughter is wearing it. It felt only right. In a way, it feels like she's wrapped in Grandma's arms.

Not long ago, Grandma got an iPhone—something I never thought I'd see happen—but she made it work. I'd always tell her I was planning to bring my daughter out to Indiana so they could meet in person. We didn't make it in time. But I'm so grateful that Grandma got to see her through FaceTime.

The last time she called me was on March 16, just to check in. I didn't answer. Life got busy, and I told myself I'd call her back. I didn't. And that's something that stays with me.

So if there's one thing I hope we all take from this, it's this: Make

time for the people you love. Call them back. Send the message. Make the visit. Love them deeply and often—because life is so incredibly unexpected.

Though she's no longer here with us, her love remains—in her cards, in her voicemails, in the purple dress she picked out with care, and in my heart.

I'll miss her deeply. And I'll carry her with me, always.

Paul Arter - April 13, 2025 at 07:41 PM

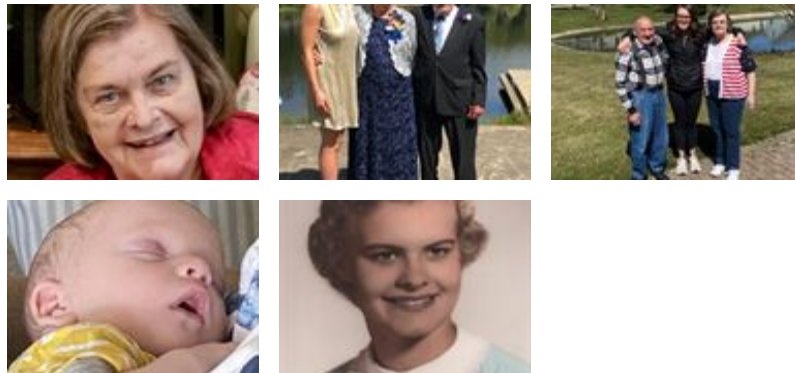
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“ *Dixie was such a sweet lady, her and Chuck were so cute together. I met them when visiting my friend, her neighbor, they would both come out to chat and have dinner with them on occasion. My prayers to Chuck and her family*

Sheila Covington - April 10, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ *21 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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“ I became friends with Paul Arter as a freshman at IU in 1975. My parents were Christian missionaries in Japan. t and I was unable to travel home for home for 4 years. During my years at IU Dixie and her husband Steve, welcomed me and my older brother Into their home for holidays and vacations, and we've been honored to have the entire Arter family as our cherished friends ever since. Dixie Along with her husband Steve will be dearly missed and always an example to how live a life of joy, love for friends family and strangers and and service to their community.

Tony Randall - April 09, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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“ When I was looking to buy a house in Ft. Wayne are, I was looking at house next to Dixie's house. Dixie came outside to talk to me and told me how wonderful her neighborhood was. Because of our conversation, I bought that house. I lived there 10 years and those were the best years of my life. that property and neighborhood gave me such joy. Dixie was a wonderful neighbor and I have missed her so much. Thank you,Dixie, for taking the time to talk to me that day. Love you and miss you. Rest in Peace.

Valerie Young - April 08, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this, Dixie was a classmate of mine. Thoughts and prayers for her family.



Shirley Bickel - April 05, 2025 at 04:26 PM