



## Phyllis J. Bowser

October 18, 1926 - March 22, 2024

Phyllis J. Bowser, 97, of Mentone, Indiana passed from this life into the arms of the Lord on Friday, March 22, 2024 surrounded by family.

Phyllis was born on Oct. 18, 1926 in Nappanee, Indiana to the late Fred D. and Lois L. (Hill) Lemler. She was a 1944 graduate of Mentone High School. She then married on Dec. 30 1945 in Mentone to A. Wayne Bowser, who preceded her in death on March 3, 2002.

Phyllis loved the Mentone community. She and her husband were the former owner and operators of L&B Foods of Mentone. She also was a former Avon representative as well as a paraprofessional for Mentone School and assisted at the Bell Memorial Library. She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Mentone. She was also a founding member of the Jolly Janes Home Economics Club and a Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. She was honored as Mentone Egg Festival Parade Marshall in 2023 and was awarded for her dedication and volunteerism by Mentone Chamber of Commerce. She enjoyed singing, knitting, reading, scrap booking, golf cart rides, and staring at the stars. But most of all spending time with her family and her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Victoria and husband Charles Swihart of Rochester, Debra Reed of Mentone, and Frederick Bowser of Akron; grandchildren Angela, Steven, Rebecca, Edward, Dathan, Terra, Ryan, Brent,

Alyssa, and Le'Erick; several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; and a sister Leah Nell and husband Stanley Yeiter of Atwood.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wayne, son-in-law Terry Reed, and daughter-in-law Lana Bowser.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Thursday, March 28, 2024 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with Pastor Samuel Yeiter officiating.

The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana next to her husband.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm, Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the First Baptist Church of Mentone.

# Cemetery Details

## Mentone Cemetery

Morgan St Jefferson Street  
Mentone, IN 46539

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 27.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home  
101 North Tucker Street  
P.O. Box 56  
Mentone, IN 46539  
(574) 353-7975  
info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAR 28.** 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis J. Bowser



Hartzler Funeral Services - March 23, 2024 at 11:11 AM

JS

*Phyllis was a wonderful lady, a great neighbor, a delightful Avon Lady, and a blessing to myself and my children. after my mother died they called Phyllis 'grandma Phyllis'. we all loved her very much.*  
juanita sainer

juanita sainer - March 25, 2024 at 09:33 PM

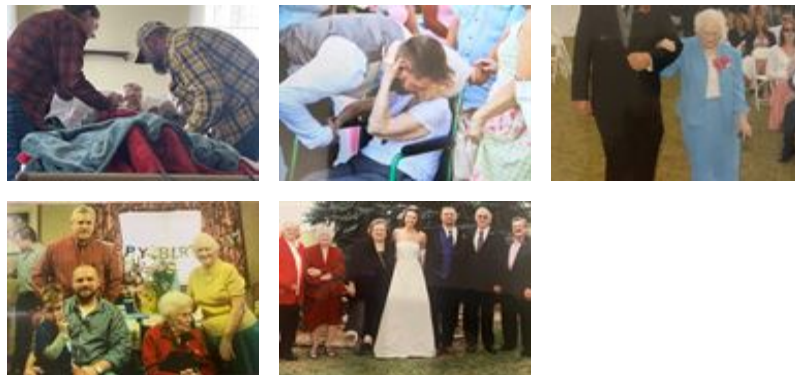
JH

*Beautiful family legacy*

jane haynes - March 26, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - March 25, 2024 at 08:33 PM

BR

“ Brandon and Pamela Reed purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis J. Bowser.



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**Brandon and Pamela Reed** - March 25, 2024 at 03:08 PM

DY

“ Dan and Lori Yeiter purchased the I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket for the family of Phyllis J. Bowser.



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**Dan and Lori Yeiter** - March 25, 2024 at 01:21 PM

DY

“ Dan and Lori Yeiter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Bowser.

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**Dan and Lori Yeiter** - March 25, 2024 at 01:21 PM

MK

“ Matt and Barb Knecht purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Phyllis J. Bowser.



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**Matt and Barb Knecht** - March 25, 2024 at 11:09 AM

MK

“ Matt and Barb Knecht planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Bowser.

Matt and Barb Knecht - March 25, 2024 at 11:09 AM

LK

“ Luke & Jeanne Knecht planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Bowser.

Luke & Jeanne Knecht - March 25, 2024 at 10:11 AM

LK

“ Luke & Jeanne Knecht purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Phyllis J. Bowser.



Luke & Jeanne Knecht - March 25, 2024 at 10:11 AM

EG

“ Edward Reed - Grandson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis J. Bowser



Edward Reed - Grandson - March 25, 2024 at 07:59 AM

SP

“ *Sherrie Plummer lit a candle in memory of Phyllis J. Bowser*



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**Sherrie Plummer** - March 23, 2024 at 04:01 PM

BD

“ *Betty Dotson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis J. Bowser*



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**Betty Dotson** - March 23, 2024 at 02:39 PM

BW

“ *What a beautiful, full life for such a beautiful lady. She shall be missed by so many, especially her family. Please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss of someone so dear. May it help to know that she is walking with Jesus today feeling the best she has ever felt. God has and will truly bless all of you at this time of grieving.*  
*Butch and Diane Warren*

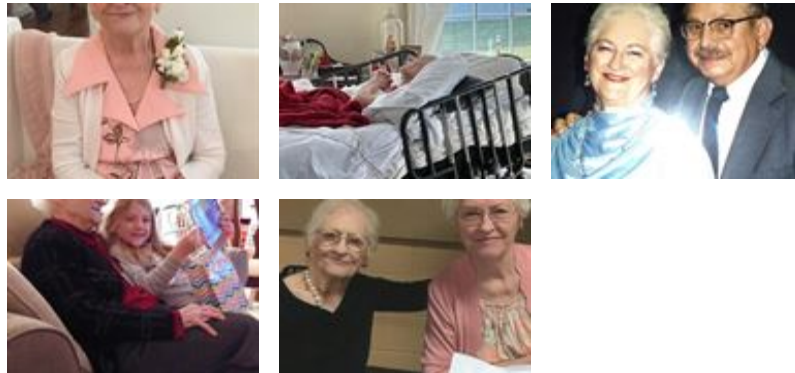


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**Butch and Diane Warren** - March 23, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ 136 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Hartzler Funeral Services** - March 23, 2024 at 11:09 AM

RB

“ *Rex & Kathy Bowser purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Phyllis J. Bowser.*



**Rex & Kathy Bowser** - March 22, 2024 at 08:13 PM

RB

“ *Rachel Banghart lit a candle in memory of Phyllis J. Bowser*



**Rachel Banghart** - March 22, 2024 at 07:05 PM

DG

“ *Donna Gillman lit a candle in memory of  
Phyllis J. Bowser* ”



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**Donna Gillman** - March 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM