



## Mary L. Diefenbaugh

March 15, 1936 - January 11, 2020

Mary L. Diefenbaugh, age 83, of Huntington, died at 9:42 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 4 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Ashlyn Kippert officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Servia, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to The Awakening Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Mary was born on March 15, 1936 in Wabash, the daughter of Raymond C. and Pauline (Paullus) Thompson. She graduated from Linlawn High School in 1954 and spent a year studying at Manchester College. She married Fred Lee Diefenbaugh on August 3, 1958 in Wabash; he preceded her in death on April 19, 2014. Mary retired after working for 26 years as a teacher's aide and In-School Suspension Supervisor for Huntington County Community School Corporation at Andrews Elementary, Crestview Middle School, and Huntington High School. She was a former member of The Good Shepherd Church in Huntington; she most recently attended The Awakening Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Sue L. (Kort) Sell of Huntington, and sons Lee A. (Julie) Diefenbaugh of North Manchester and Jay D. (Emily) Diefenbaugh of Cashton, Wisconsin. Also surviving are brothers John Thompson of Palm Harbor, Florida and Pat Thompson of Portsmouth, Virginia, sisters Rebecca (Bernard) Summers of Royce City, Texas and Phyllis Coppock of Peru, eleven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother, Jack Thompson.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery (Servia)

9930-9938 N 300 E  
North Manchester, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary L. Diefenbaugh



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - January 15, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JT

*This was so beautiful!! She was such a beautiful soul. So kind and loving. I enjoyed our deep conversations. She will be forever missed.*

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**Joshua & Jendi Thompson** - January 15, 2020 at 06:06 PM

FG

“ Dear Sue, Lee and Jay,  
since Xmess we heared nothing of your mom! It took me a while to get to know something of her. At least I looked in the internet and found out that she passed away in Jan. We feel sorry for that. We have so many and interesting memories on her. We remember our stay in america in your home, your stay in Steinwenden Germany at our home.  
Lee, your accident with the car during your parents stay in germany and she was praying all the time for your health.  
Jay, you asked me during our stay on the farm if we can stay some days longer , you liked my cooking so much !  
With your parents we've seen so many countries , all through skandinavia , notherlands, Vienna, Budapest, Paris etc.  
At last your mom wanted to go to heaven as she said, seeing all her beloved relatives.

Do you remember us, Fritz and Dorothy in germany ?

In case you want to answer, here our adress:

Fritz &Dorothy Schwarz

Heinrich Heine Str.9

66879 Steinwenden

Tel. 06371 51324

e-mail frido3847@aol.com

She will be always in our memories !

Stay healthy, a big hug, love

Dorothy and Fritz

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Fritz & Dorothy, germany - May 09, 2020 at 11:01 AM

JB

“ Sue, Lee and Jay,  
You have our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. She was very dear to us in so many ways; her total commitment to Jesus, her generosity, her love and concern for all, especially their spiritual well being. We maintained contact with her all these years. She frequently reached out to us and we were blessed to visit her a few years ago. She was a steadfast prayer warrior and we will miss her, but praise God we can look forward to seeing her in Heaven.  
Much Love,  
John and Kathy Batjes

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**JOHN BATJES** - January 17, 2020 at 02:02 PM

KS

“ Sue, I am praying for you and your family because of the loss of your mom. Karyn (Don) Sell



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**Karyn Miller Sell** - January 15, 2020 at 07:06 PM

TS

“ The Difenbaugh Family so sorry for your loss, I remember your mom being strong in her faith. Hope you are all doing well. God Bless you. Terri (Brown) Sorg

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**Terri (Brown) Sorg** - January 15, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary L. Diefenbaugh.



January 15, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Such a precious Lady. She served at our wedding 56 years ago. I stayed with her a couple of times when Fred was on a business trip. Love you my friend. R.I.P.

Connie Kindler - January 15, 2020 at 10:23 AM

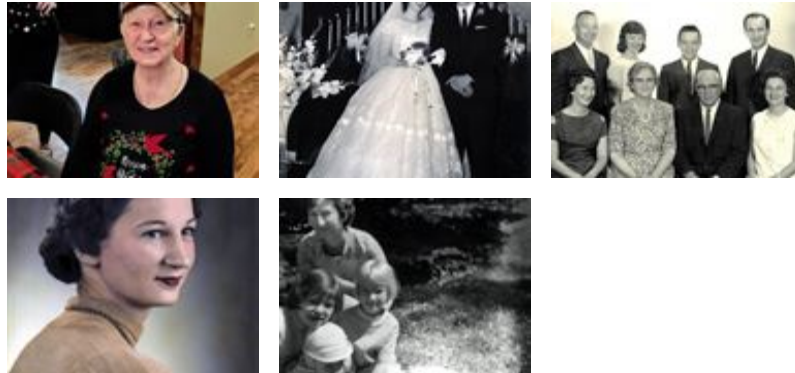


“ She loved her Savior and wasn't afraid to say so.

Darlene Case - January 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - January 15, 2020 at 12:15 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary L. Diefenbaugh.*



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January 14, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary L. Diefenbaugh.*



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January 14, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *John / Myrna Criss lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Diefenbaugh*



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**John / Myrna Criss** - January 14, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *Dear Family,  
We're so sorry for Mary Lou's passing. She was such a sweet lady  
& always had a smile! Heaven has gain an amazing angel.*

*Steve & Ramonda (Decker) Bickel & family*

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**Steve/Ramonda Bickel** - January 14, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary L. Diefenbaugh.*



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January 14, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *Mrs. D would come into our coffee shop. Was such an amazing woman.*

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**Brenda Crawford** - January 13, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Jack's Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mary L. Diefenbaugh.*



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**Jack's Family** - January 13, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *I personally only met her a few times, but she was so nice. The love she shared for my daughter and grandchildren was amazing, she took them as her own. She will definitely be missed.*



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**Connie Reynolds Jones** - January 13, 2020 at 05:42 PM