

# A Celebration of Life



**Mary Jane Boyle**  
1914–2011

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Mary Jane Boyle, 97, formerly of West Lafayette, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 13, 2011, at Silver Oaks Health Campus in Columbus, Indiana. Born in Advance, Indiana on May 4, 1914, she was the youngest of 6 children of Arthur H. and Alice F. Yager. She graduated from Advance High School in 1932, and later earned her Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Business Education from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN.

Her first teaching job was in Remington, Indiana. In 1938 she married Howard J. Boyle in Advance, Indiana, at her family home. She and Howard lived several places until they settled in West Lafayette where her husband was Chief Accountant at Purdue University. After her husband was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 1952, Mary Jane returned to teaching. She taught at Monitor High School, Klondike High School, and finished her teaching career at Lafayette Jefferson High School, where she earned the Jefferson High School Wall of Fame Award.

Mary Jane belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Delta Kappa, both teacher sororities. She also belonged to Purdue Women's Club, Edgewood Club, Lafayette Teachers Educator's Association, and Indiana Retired Teacher's Association. She enjoyed volunteering at Home Hospital as a Pink Lady and also belonged to the Home Hospital Auxiliary. Mary Jane was a member of Federated Church of West Lafayette for over 60 years where she was on numerous church committees and held different offices, most recently as the Prayer Chain Coordinator, for which she had a special calling.

Mary Jane had a love for serving people, whether it was friends or family. She was always taking food to a shut-in or a new neighbor. When she retired, she said she wanted to do something each day to make a difference in someone else's life. She enjoyed gardening, reading, playing the piano, and playing bridge in her Therapeutic Bridge Club. Her greatest love was her family and she cherished the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Mary Jane is survived by her children, Philip F. (wife, Cathy) of Raleigh, NC; Carolyn J. Hart (husband, Joe) of Columbus, IN; and Thomas H. (wife, Betsy) of St. Paul, MN; seven grandchildren: Michael Boyle from Plano, TX; Brian Hart from Chicago, IL; Sarah Wierschke (husband, Kevin) from Colorado Springs, CO; Emily Nelson (husband, Erik) from Indianapolis; Andrew Boyle, Sarah Carmack (husband, Nate), and Joanna Jones (husband, Steve) all from St. Paul, MN. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren, Shannon Boyle from Plano, TX; Samantha, Danielle, and Luke Wierschke from Colorado Springs; and Archer Carmack from St. Paul, MN. Also surviving are a special niece, Twylamay Hash, from Lebanon, IN, and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brothers Sylvan, Eugene, Theron, and Floyd Yager, a sister Lucille Clifton of Lebanon, a stillborn daughter Janet Sue Boyle, and a great-granddaughter Katie Madison Boyle.

Memorials may be made to Federated Church, Hospice of South Central Indiana, or to the charity of your choice. Condolences at [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com).

# A Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Mary Jane Boyle

Organ Prelude		Ruth Ann Ostergren
Piano Prelude	<i>Moonlight Sonata</i>	Rev. Susan Lisack
Words of Welcome and Assurance		Rev. Jon Carlstrom
Special Music	<i>Gabriel's Oboe</i> <i>Ennio Morricone</i>	Sarah Carmack
Invocation		Rev. Carlstrom
Hymn	<i>Because He Lives</i>	358
Reading	<i>My Personal Creed</i> <i>by Gaethel Cochrum</i>	Emily Nelson
Scripture Readings	<i>Psalms 121</i> <i>Psalms 91 and 103</i>	Cathy Boyle Rev. Carlstrom
Special Music	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	Dan Hartley
Meditation		Rev. Gary Reif
Special Music	<i>Concerto in C minor</i> <i>(Adagio) Benedetto Marcello</i>	Sarah Carmack Susan Lisack, piano
Meditation		Rev. Carlstrom
Memory Sharing		Betsy Shryer Boyle
Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> <i>(vv. 1, 3 and 4)</i>	147
Words of Commendation		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Special Music	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> <i>Albert Hay Malotte</i>	Dan Hartley
Benediction		
Oboe/Piano Postlude	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Carmack/Lisack
Organ Postlude		Ruth Ann Ostergren

*The family invites you to continue reflecting on and celebrating  
Mary Jane's life by joining them for a bereavement luncheon in  
Trimmer Hall following the committal service at Grandview Cemetery.*

## ALL IS WELL

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP  
I AM NOT THERE, I DO NOT SLEEP  
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW  
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS ON SNOW  
I AM THE GENTLE AUTUMN'S RAIN  
WHEN YOU AWAKEN IN THE MORNING'S HUSH  
I AM THE SWIFT UPLIFTING RUSH  
OF QUIET BIRDS IN CIRCLED FLIGHT  
I AM THE SOFT STAR THAT SHINES AT NIGHT.

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND CRY  
I AM NOT THERE, I DID NOT DIE.



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