



Chiquita M. Hamstra

August 8, 1932 - March 6, 2019

Chiquita Mae Hamstra, 86, of Lebanon and formerly of Jamestown, passed away Wednesday morning, March 6, 2019, at Signature Healthcare at Parkwood in Lebanon, Indiana. She was born August 8, 1932, in Lebanon, a daughter of the late Perry and Dorcas Mae (Heady) Padgett.

A longtime resident of Boone County, Chiquita was a graduate of Sheridan High School.

Chiquita was the first woman bus driver for the Western Boone School Corporation, and drove for 36 years. She also worked for the Dairy Pharm of Jamestown. After retirement, she was employed by Walmart in Lebanon. Chiquita was a member of the Advance Community Christian Church and Jamestown United Methodist Church where she played piano. She was an active pianist in both churches.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed sewing, playing the piano, and crocheting.

Survivors include:

Four Children:

Teresa L. Hamstra of West Lafayette

Jeryl M. (Steve) Cross of Lebanon

Kevin N. (Terri) Hamstra of Valdosta, Georgia

Kelli S. (Bruce) Guernsey of Jamestown

Six Grandchildren:

J.E. Cross

Greg Cross

Cody Guernsey

Cameron Guernsey

Hanna Hamstra

Molli Hamstra

Three Great Grandchildren:

Gabe Cross

Sara Cross

Scarlette Rose Guernsey

Brother:

Bill (Anita) Padgett of Lebanon

Sister:

Charlene (Byron) Hackett of Lebanon

In addition to her parents, Chiquita was preceded in death by a son, Gregory L. Hamstra.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the funeral home. Interment will follow services at Old Union Cemetery, rural Jamestown.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240–1554.

Cemetery Details

Old Union Cemetery

550 South 500 West
Jamestown, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
1502 North Lebanon Street
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office@myersmortuary.com
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chiquita M. Hamstra*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Chiquita was a “Mom” to many of us.*

Tom Herald - March 11, 2019 at 08:05 AM



“ *Cheryl Gates lit a candle in memory of Chiquita M. Hamstra*



Cheryl Gates - March 10, 2019 at 10:53 PM



“ *I loved talking with this very fun loving & funny lady. She will be truly missed! Pam & Alvin Swisher*

Pam Swisher - March 10, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *I loved Chiquita's piano playing at church. She put "gusto" in to the songs that deserved it and calmness in the quiet songs. Enjoyed seeing her at Walmart. I'm very happy that her body, mind and soul are at peace. Debbie Witte Lister*

Debra Lister - March 08, 2019 at 06:08 PM

LL

Sorry we learned of this too late to attend funeral. Sending our love and condolences to the family. Junie(cousin)

Lela June Lovegrove - March 13, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Chiquita M. Hamstra.*

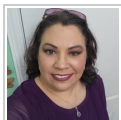


March 08, 2019 at 05:11 PM

KF

“ *What a great lady, she will absolutely be missed. She lived behind us when I was young. I use to get on the bus and tell her the donkey woke me up again. she would smile and laugh. Rest in peace dear lady. I will get to see you again some day.... GW3 signing off.*

Keith Frederick - March 07, 2019 at 10:01 PM



GW3 Signing off... I love it. Sad I still remember the bus#!

Marcy Elhamidi - March 09, 2019 at 12:01 AM

PG

“ *My condolences to the family, this is so sad. Chiquita was my bus driver for many years and also worked with her at walmart. I also remember the squat gun fights the last day of school She would give us a bag with fruit and candy for Christmas. Such a sweet lady. RIP Chiquita you will not be forgotten
Love Pam Giltner*

Pam Giltner - March 07, 2019 at 09:32 PM

PE

“ Chiquita is, and always will be, a very special lady to me! I have many fond memories, which I will keep in my heart forever. From the delicious right out of the oven chocolate chip cookies and cold milk after a summer bike ride, to being so grateful for my hair so beautifully done by Chiquita for my Junior and Senior Proms . My memories have a special place deep down in my heart. Chiquita was always the highlight of my Lebanon Walmart shopping!
Heaven is richer now with Chiquita"s presence. I loved her so!
Peggy Jo Burton Ebaugh

Peggy Jo Ebaugh - March 07, 2019 at 01:31 PM

TM

“ She drove GW3 and transported us from Wells to WeBo everyday. How she ever put up with us all on that bus was amazing!....always remember her smiling and full of energy.

Tammy (Bookwalter) Martin - March 07, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ She was my bus driver for 2 years I'm so sadden to see this. After she stopped driving the bus and started working at walmart we often croosed paths. She came to me aid one day when I locked myself out on the patio at walmart she was laughing so hard when she came to open the door. My sympathy for the family

Anita Moffitt - March 07, 2019 at 11:38 AM

MF

“ When I worked at Walmart, I remember Chiquita as a problem solver of everything and doing so with a smile! And she wore a banana pin on her name badge! Condolences to the whole family! I'm so sorry.

Micci French - March 07, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *What a great Lady, thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Rocky Myers - March 07, 2019 at 08:53 AM

AG

“ *This woman was a wonderful lady not just a bus driver, she was my first bus driver and friend of family. Sideways helping students out, talking to everyone She will be missed*

Alex Gearheart - March 07, 2019 at 08:10 AM

CH

“ *Candy Hale lit a candle in memory of Chiquita M. Hamstra*



Candy Hale - March 07, 2019 at 08:09 AM

KM

“ *As a young child I remember Chiquita and her friends, sitting in the gym at Sheridan , they watched us little kids play inside during the times we couldn't go outside!
They were always, she especially were so kind and friendly, a ready smile for each of us!
I have not seen her in years but she is a special memory , for all who knew her and was. a receiver of her kind personality.....Heaven is a perfect place for her to continue her love and good will to all!!! Love to all of you, her family!*

Sincerely Karen (Dodd);McQuern Lebanon In

Karen (Dodd) McQuern - March 07, 2019 at 07:59 AM

NR

She was a very special lady. She was the best bus driver we ever had. She spoke to us when she worked at Walmart. She will be loved and missed very much.

Nancy McKiney Redman - March 07, 2019 at 01:15 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Wyant lit a candle in memory of Chiquita M. Hamstra*

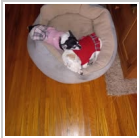


Peggy wyant - March 07, 2019 at 03:50 AM

PW

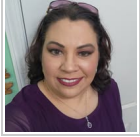
Was my bus driver from western Boone what a great person she was and one of the nices ladys you could be acquainted with rip my friend

Peggy wyant - March 07, 2019 at 03:53 AM



“ *Loved her a lot what a great lady!*

Ron Mitchell - March 06, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ I have no words to express the role this woman played in my life. She was way more than a bus driver. She was my second mother at times away from home. She talked to me and made me feel better on my first nervous bus ride to school. She woke me up to make sure I got off the bus almost every evening when I would fall asleep somewhere midst the country roads between dover and advance (I was always the first one on and last last one off so the ride was over an hour). She let us "country kids" have water gun fights on the back roads on the last day of school after the "townies" got dropped off. She'd pass out candy at Christmas and we always bought her a Cmas gift (usually a pair of nice isatoner leather driving gloves). She would help me hunt for mom's car at Aunt Myrtle's, Ima Jean's, Pat McHargues, or Peggy Jones's houses, in case mom might have been visiting somewhere along our bus route and let me know if I needed to get off early at one of their houses. We stopped the bus a dozen times to chase chickens, pigs, and cows back into a farmers pasture, and we pushed the bus out of a snowy back road turn around together more times than I can count. Rest in peace Chiquita. You will live on as one of the great memories of my childhood. :(.. My mom had kids in the Western Boone school district for 35 years. And Chiquita was a steady constant for many of those years.

Marcy Frederick Elhamidi

Marcy Elhamidi - March 06, 2019 at 10:55 PM

MR

“ Such a lovely lady. Will be missed and great memories. Thoughts and prayers for all.

Marilyn Ritchardson

Marilyn Ritchardson - March 06, 2019 at 10:46 PM

AP

“ I'm sorry for your lose. Prayer to family. She was a great woman would help any one.

Ann Pride - March 06, 2019 at 10:34 PM

DI

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Chiquita was a childhood friend and we went to grade school together. I send my condolences to her family and especially to her sister Charlene and brother Bill. She was a wonderful person! Dora Isenhower

Dora Isenhower - March 06, 2019 at 10:24 PM

DJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Our sympathy to all the family. Delbert and Marilyn Davis

Delbert Davis Jr - March 06, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chiquita M. Hamstra.



March 06, 2019 at 10:00 PM

SA

“ To her family, I am so sorry for your loss.

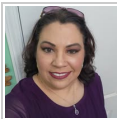
When I was in kindergarten, my mom sent me to school one day when kindergarteners were off. Chaquita took me to the high school and then home. I thought going to the high school that day was so awesome! She always made me feel special. She was one of the kindest people I have ever known. She is a good memory from my childhood. She truly made the world a better place.

Sharalie Albanese - March 06, 2019 at 09:54 PM

RN

“ I'm so sorry to hear of her passing; she was the BEST bus driver ever...we got the choice of a sucker or 2 pieces of Bazooka gum every Friday!! My sincerest condolences to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren 🌸

Robin Phelps Nance - March 06, 2019 at 08:10 PM



Bazooka gum! I almost forgot about that every Friday!!!

Marcy Elhamidi - March 06, 2019 at 10:57 PM

ML

“ The Hines family sends their condolences to the entire Hamstra family. Chiquita lived next door to our parents, Keith and Donna Hines, for many years. What a delightful woman she was. A truly great neighbor and friend.

Miriam Lemen - March 06, 2019 at 07:56 PM

J(

“ *Chiquita.....words cannot express the sadness of losing such a great Women!!!! You were such an awesome bus driver, you cared for all of us kids everyday. We had so much fun. Even after graduation everytime I saw you, you always gave me such a huge and tight hug! I miss those hugs!! You will be missed but your legacy will live on in our hearts and memories! RIP....*

Julie Wright (Crouch) - March 06, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chiquita M. Hamstra.*



March 06, 2019 at 06:08 PM

DM

“ *I was glad to have met Chiquita. I used to hear Ron and Myron speak fondly of her. Jeryl--I never knew this was your mother!! Do sorry for your loss.
Donna Mount*

Donna Mount - March 06, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chiquita M. Hamstra.*



March 06, 2019 at 05:43 PM

SB

“ *Sally BYrd lit a candle in memory of Chiquita
M. Hamstra*



Sally BYrd - March 06, 2019 at 05:09 PM