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Faith, Family, and Community

Ingrid Peters of Switzerland County



Some of the most meaningful work in a community happens quietly, without recognition or expectation of praise. Ingrid Peters is one of those people who consistently gives her time and care to others simply because she believes it is the right thing to do.

Ingrid has lived in Switzerland County for most of her life, with deep family roots in the area. She and her husband, Harold, were married in 1963 and purchased their home in May of 1975, the same home where they raised their four children and where Ingrid still lives today. For nearly five decades, that house has been more than just a place to live. It has been a foundation for family, faith, and service.

A member of Brushy Fork Baptist Church since 1975, Ingrid's involvement in her church reflects her heart for helping others. She helps prepare monthly breakfasts, assists with meals for families in need and funeral meals, teaches Sunday school, and is active in the church's sewing group. Through that group, quilts are made and sold, with proceeds donated to support local causes and families in need. Over the years, breakfast proceeds and church efforts have supported organizations such as 4-H, Shoes for Children, the Ronald McDonald House, and other local charities. When a family in the community faces hardship, such as a house fire, the church often dedicates a breakfast to supporting that family directly.

Ingrid also shares her time beyond the church walls. On the fourth Sunday of each month, she and the pastor of Brushy Fork Baptist Church visit a local nursing home, where the pastor delivers a sermon and Ingrid helps lead songs. Together, they spend time visiting with residents, offering music, fellowship, and connection to those who may not otherwise be able to attend services.

When asked about the many ways she serves, Ingrid is quick to shift the focus away from herself. "I don't feel special," she said. "I just help those who need it."

That outlook shapes how she lives. Ingrid shared the story of a fellow church member who needed regular doctor's appointments in Louisville but had children who lived far away. Without hesitation, Ingrid stepped in and provided transportation because she saw a need and knew she could help.



Ingrid's four children.



Ingrid's strong work ethic has been a constant throughout her life. She spent 26 years working at the Shoe Factory in Vevay, beginning at a time when she earned just \$1.25 an hour. After that, she worked for 18 years at Reliance in Madison, where electric motors were built. When the plant closed, it marked the end of that chapter, but also opened a season she later came to value deeply. After the closure, Ingrid was able to spend an additional year

with her husband before his passing in 2009. That same year, she also lost her mother. Reflecting on that time, Ingrid shared, "If it wasn't for the Lord getting me through it all, I wouldn't have made it through that year."

Loss would continue to touch Ingrid's life. In 2014, she lost her oldest daughter, another heartbreak that shaped her journey. Through grief, she leaned on her faith and the close-knit church community she describes as a big family. Their support helped carry her through moments that felt overwhelming.

Today, Ingrid's family continues to grow. She has six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, with another on the way. A talented seamstress, Ingrid has made quilts for each of her grandchildren and is now preparing one for the newest arrival. "God has blessed me with a big family," she said.

At 79 years old, Ingrid remains active and independent. She continues to care for her home, including mowing her own yard, and stays deeply involved in church and community life. Living in rural southern Indiana, she has always been a member of Southeastern Indiana REMC. She shared that one thing she truly appreciates is how quickly service is restored when the power goes out, a reliability she does not take for granted.

At Southeastern Indiana REMC, we are grateful for all our members, especially those like Ingrid Peters whose lives reflect the cooperative principle of Concern for Community. Through steady service, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to helping others, Ingrid strengthens the connections that hold our communities together and reminds us that when neighbors care for one another, our communities grow stronger.

SEI REMC EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Andrea Shuter

As Joint Use Coordinator and Easement Specialist, Andrea Shuter supports SEI REMC's electric and fiber systems by coordinating joint use agreements and managing easements and rights-of-way. Her work helps ensure infrastructure projects move forward safely, accurately, and in compliance with regulations, while supporting both internal teams and utility partners.

Outside of work, Andrea is deeply connected to her community and family. She and her husband, Earl, are raising their three children on a family farm in Dearborn County that has been in the Shuter name for more than 150 years. Andrea raises cattle and Boer goats, serves as a 4-H club leader, works part-time as a Basic EMT, volunteers with local fire departments, and serves on the Dearborn County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Thank you, Andrea, for your dedication to the co-op and the community.

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