



## A. Colleen McCormick

January 25, 1929 - April 14, 2023

Alberta "Colleen" McCormick, 94, passed away Friday evening, April 14, 2023, surrounded by her family at her home in Bluffton. Prior to moving to Bluffton in late 2020, she resided in Murray for over 60 years.

She was born on January 25, 1929, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, to Henry and Edith Rose (Palmer) Compton. A 1948 graduate of P.A. Allen High School in Bluffton, Colleen worked at the Nowak's Progress Store, Hook's Market in Murray, and was well known for working at the candy counter at G.C. Murphy Store in Bluffton. She came out of retirement to work at the Pretzels, Inc. Outlet Store in Bluffton until she was 80 years old. Her greatest joy was raising her family and was always in the kitchen cooking for her family. She will always be remembered for her famous oatmeal cookies! Colleen was a member of the Buncoettes, and continued to shoot dice until they disbanded after a 60-year run.

On June 13, 1956, Colleen and Kenneth "Dean" McCormick were married in Richmond, Indiana. He preceded her in death on May 17, 1986. Through their years together, Dean and Colleen created a treasure trove of memories with a large group of friends who became more like family.

She is survived by her children: Bob (Penney) Burns of Bluffton; Jon (Robin) Burns of Van Wert, Ohio, Tim (Lisa) McCormick of Bluffton; Tammy (Andy) Wenning of Craigville; and Cindy Bates of Ossian; along with 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, whom she adored. She is also survived by a special niece and dear friend, Peggy Blevins of Bluffton.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dean; a son, David D. "Foot" McCormick; and a daughter, Debra A. McCormick. She was the last surviving of her family of 8 siblings, who preceded her in death: John Compton, Delbert Compton, Mable Louise Jines, Clarence "Hap" Compton, Joe Compton, Nellie Compton, and Robert Compton.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, (April 20, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Tony Garton officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will be from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Wednesday, (April 19, 2023) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials may be made in Colleen's memory to Stillwater Hospice of Fort Wayne or the Wells County Food Bank.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Visitation

APR **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Funeral Service

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APR 20. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Bluffton, IN 46714  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of A. Colleen McCormick*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - April 19, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Twila Darren lit a candle in memory of A. Colleen McCormick*



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**Twila Darren** - April 22, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Julie Kay lit a candle in memory of A. Colleen McCormick*

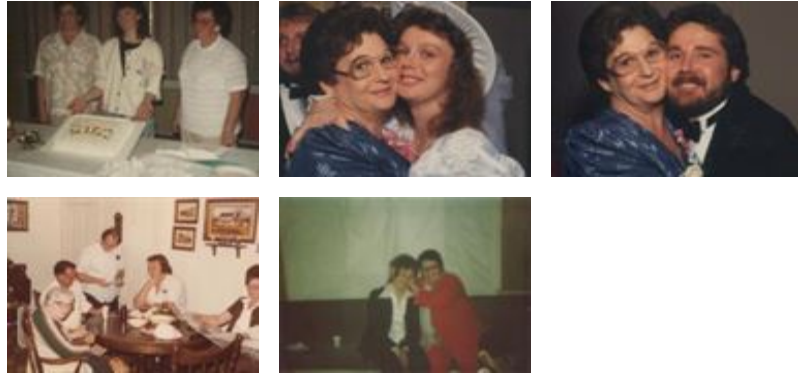


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**Julie Kay** - April 21, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 19, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. Colleen McCormick.



April 19, 2023 at 07:25 AM



“ 119 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 18, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of A. Colleen McCormick.*



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April 18, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of A. Colleen McCormick.*



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April 17, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about this. Condolences to the entire family. RIP Colleen.*

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**Steve Kunkel** - April 17, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of A. Colleen McCormick.*



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April 16, 2023 at 10:06 PM

PB

“ I WILL MISS OUR TRIPS TO BUMMIES ON OPENING DAY, I WILL MISS THE TRIPS WE WOULD TAKE TOGETHER, BUT NOT NEAR AS MUCH AS I WILL MISS MY BEST AUNT AND FRIEND. CHAT LATER, LOVE YOU COLLEEN !!

Peggy Peggy blevins - April 16, 2023 at 07:43 PM

JB

“ Jean Ron Bowman lit a candle in memory of A. Colleen McCormick



Jean and Ron Bowman - April 16, 2023 at 05:46 PM

AW

“ Tammy, I didn't really know your Mom, but she sounds wonderful. You're so very lucky to have had her to raise you. I know you know that. I know that, too because you are the result. Your Mom did well. You and your family have my deepest sympathies.

Ann Wenning - April 16, 2023 at 05:19 PM

EW

“ Colleen was like my second mom during the late 80s when I would stay with Cindy for weeks at a time. She did everything from baking a never-ending supply of oatmeal cookies to washing, line-drying and ultimately ironing my pajamas. She was the best!

Erin Wright - April 16, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of A. Colleen McCormick.*



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April 16, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Kamie Elston lit a candle in memory of A. Colleen McCormick*



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**Kamie Elston** - April 15, 2023 at 11:29 AM