



Addie D. Fritz

June 22, 1943 - February 19, 2026

Addie D. Fritz, 82, of Poneto, passed away on Thursday morning, February 19, 2026, at Stillwater Hospice Home.

Addie was born on June 22, 1943, in Lynch, Harlan Co., Kentucky to Taylor R. & Lela Mae (Stacy) Smith. She attended Liberty Center School and worked at Kitco and Peyton's in Bluffton. Addie worked for many years as a nurse's aide for several local care facilities. She found pleasure in cooking for her family, working in the garden and canning fresh items to enjoy during the winter. She loved training and caring for her pet birds. She grew up attending Liberty Center Baptist Church and had also attended the Poneto Baptist Church. On November 21, 1959, Addie Daphine Smith and Jimmy Dee Fritz were married in Liberty Center, IN. They were married 39 years prior to his passing in 1998.

Survivors include her children, Ruth Wyatt of Bluffton, Melody Fritz of Poneto, and Lucas "Luke" (Brenda) Fritz of TN. She was a loving "Mamaw" to 4 grandchildren: Hope Worster, Tyson (Nicole) Fritz, April Newton, and Casey (Meredythe) Fritz, along with 8 great-grandchildren: Cooper and Cohen Worster, Amelia, Asher, Kairi, Tobias, Cadence, and Orion Fritz.

Growing up, Addie was one of 11 children and is survived by her sisters; Deloris (Jim) Poling of Bluffton, Clodine Bonar of Ohio and Marcella Hager of TN.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and grandson, Lucas Newton, along with 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Visitation will be held from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. on Tuesday, (Feb. 24, 2026) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will follow visitation at 6 P.M. on Tuesday, with Pastor Lane Sander officiating.

Memorials may be made in Addie's name to the Wells County 4-H Backpack Program and can be directed to the funeral home.

Inurnment will take place at a later date at the New Castle Cremation Columbarium located at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

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

Cemetery Details

New Castle Community Columbarium at Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN 46714

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
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Funeral Service

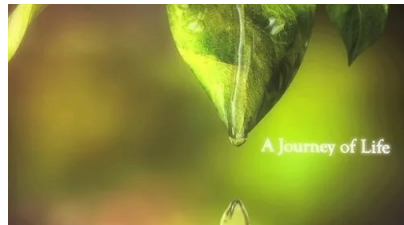
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Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Addie D. Fritz*



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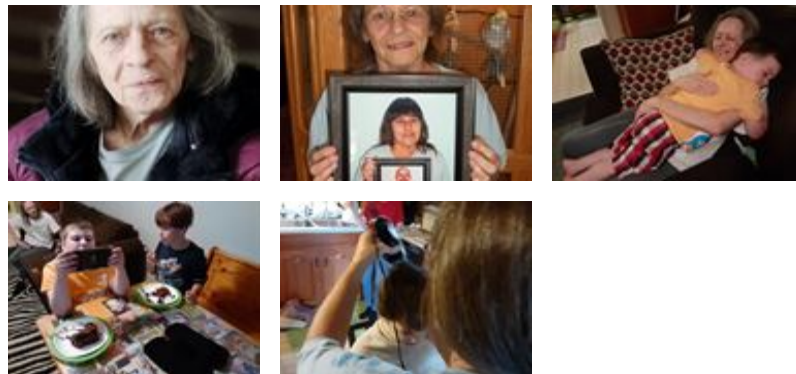


“ *Melody, Deloris and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Addie's passing. Thinking of you! God bless. Valerie Wilson Jackson*

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“ *129 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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“ Greg & Ida Waikel purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Addie D. Fritz.



Greg & Ida Waikel - February 23 at 08:00 AM