



## Albertus "Al" Vanden Top

December 24, 1934 - August 20, 2016

Albertus "Al" Vanden Top, 81 a resident of Bluffton passed away at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, August 20, 2016, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Al was born on December 24, 1934 in Barneveld, Netherlands to Cornelus & Janet (Dekkers) Vanden Top. He moved to Canada with his family at the age 13 and served as a Corporal from 1956 to 1960 in the Canadian Army. After being pen pals a while, on April 2, 1961 in Bluffton, Al and Marilyn S. Higgins were married, lived in Toronto, then moved to Bluffton. On December 6, 1965 became an American Citizen, something he held great pride in. He obtained his associates degree in Accounting from I.U. and his B.S in accounting from Indiana Wesleyan. He worked at Bachman Foods in Bluffton and as a Senior Tax Accountant for Blue Flame Gas Company in Bluffton for 22 years, retiring in 1999. He was an active member of the Zanesville United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, where he served as the church accountant at both churches.

Survivors include his wife Marilyn of Warren along with a son Thomas (Heather) G. Vanden Top of Yoder, a daughter-in-law Rhonda Vanden Top of Bluffton along with five grandchildren; Hannah and Andrea Vanden Top, Grace, August and Eli Vanden Top along with a brother Henry Vanden Top of Brampton, Ontario.

Al is preceded in death by his parents and a son James "Jimmy" Vanden Top on December 20, 2007 and a brother Cornelus Vanden Top.

Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday (August 26, 2016) at the

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Steve Bard will officiate. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday at the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe in Warren and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Memorials can be made to: First United Methodist Church, Heritage Pointe in Warren or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the 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

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 25. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe  
801 Huntington Avenue  
Warren, IN 46792

## Visitation

AUG 25. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 26. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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**AUG 26.** 10:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albertus "Al" Vanden Top*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 25, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *Albertus "Al" Vanden Top*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Tom, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad, I miss working with you. Kathy Meyer.*



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**Kathy Meyer** - December 18, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ *Marylin and family. So sorry for your loss . Al was great to work with when at Bachman and always did a great job. Sorry I can't be with you but I want you to know I can share your grief. I pray the good lord will give strength at the this time of loss. My thoughts are with you*  
*Bill Mann*

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**Bill Mann** - August 25, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 24, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ Peg Paxson lit a candle in memory of Albertus "Al" Vanden Top



Peg Paxson - August 24, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ Darlene /Jerry Garrett lit a candle in memory of Albertus "Al" Vanden Top



Darlene /Jerry Garrett - August 24, 2016 at 07:37 AM



Marilyn & family we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you .

Darlene /Jerry Garrett - August 24, 2016 at 07:38 AM

VJ

“ Marilyn and family, Sending you my sincere sympathy. I know you'll miss Al a lot. He was one of the good guys. Will be unable to be with you but will be thinking of you and sending up prayers for you. May you feel the comfort of God's love in the days ahead. Blessings to you. Valerie Wilson Jackson and Doris Ann Wilson

Valerie Wilson Jackson - August 23, 2016 at 10:09 PM



“ White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Albertus "Al" Vanden Top.



August 22, 2016 at 10:12 PM

PH

“ We have fond memories of Al and our prayers are with Marilyn and Tom and family.  
Phil & Velma Harden

Phil Harden - August 22, 2016 at 08:20 PM



“ Dear Marilyn and Tom, Dane and I are so sorry to hear about Al's passing....I am sending prayers to everyone in your family in this time of sorrow. I will always remember the big smile on Al's face when you would see him and that wonderful Canadian accent you would here every so often. Prayers and Blessings to everyone in its time.

Jennifer Jesse and Dane.

Jennifer Jesse - August 22, 2016 at 11:52 AM

LE

“ Dear Marilyn and Tom and all the family members, my niece and nephews: we are saddened by the loss of this lovely soul. Al was such a wonderful and pleasant man. He was warm and kind and gentle. He loved conversation, and always had a welcoming smile. We are holding you up in prayer. Love, the Endres family.

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**Lisa and Joe Endres** - August 21, 2016 at 04:36 PM

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“ Hey, did you hear that loud noise this morning??”  
“No, what was it, Al?”  
“It was the crack of dawn. Hee hee hee!”  
Al gave all of us many smiles & laughs everyday. He so often & lovingly spoke of his sweet Marilyn & family. He will be missed by many.  
Reese - CNA, Heritage Pointe

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**Reese** - August 21, 2016 at 04:17 PM