



## Bernice Thomas

May 14, 1928 - October 23, 2022

Bernice Thomas, 94, of Craigville, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 23, 2022. She was joyfully reunited with her loving husband, Albert, their daughter, Karen, and a multitude of family and friends. She leaves behind her sons, Avery (Virgie) and Brian (Sonja). She is also sadly missed by grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She will also be missed by her neighbors and friends around Craigville and Bluffton.

She was born in Leslie County, Kentucky to the late Dewey and Minnie (Williams) Stidham. Mrs. Thomas was the eldest of 13 children. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ. She worked diligently and was a shining example of how to live life and be a friend to everyone that she met.

Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker and enjoyed writing poems, singing, loved to sew, quilt and crochet. She was a wonderful cook and planted large gardens.

Visitation for Mrs. Thomas will be from 2 to 4 P.M. on Friday (October 28, 2022) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A graveside service will be held following visitation at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton around 4:15 P.M. on Friday with Pastor Tyler Sanders officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials may be made to the donor's choice of charity.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of 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

OCT 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## PUBLIC GRAVESIDE SERVICE

OCT 28. 4:15 PM (ET)

Elm Grove Cemetery  
3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice Thomas*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 28, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Bernice mom and I will miss seeing and talking to you at McDonald's R.I.P*



Lisa and Sally Dillon - October 29, 2022 at 02:12 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bernice Thomas.*



October 28, 2022 at 09:07 AM



“ *70 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 27, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernice Thomas.*



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October 26, 2022 at 07:56 AM



“ *Dear Avery & Virgie, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You have my deepest sympathy.*

*Sandy (Newhard) Lorenz*

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**Sandy Lorenz** - October 25, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Sweet memories of visiting with my mom and going to lunch and rhubarb pie*

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**Connie** - October 25, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Always enjoyed visiting with Bernice when she came into McDonald's. She was quite a gal and has been missed since COVID hit and her fall. Rest in peace my friend.*



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**Kristine Bushee** - October 23, 2022 at 06:41 PM