



## Bertha E. Patterson

May 14, 1925 - October 2, 2015

Bertha E. Patterson, 90, of Bluffton passed away at 12:02 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2015, at her residence.

She was born on May 14, 1925 in ETTY, Kentucky to George and Gracey (Fleming) Fleming. She attended a one room school house until the 8th grade.

On October 16, 1942 in Jenkins Kentucky, Bertha married Joseph Glen Patterson, he preceded her in death in 1964. They moved from Kentucky to Ohio and then to Bluffton in 1964. Bertha worked for the Estey Piano Factory, Housekeeping at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic, Kitco Mfg., Westhaven Nursing Home, Meadowvale Health and Rehab Center and also Home Health Care. She was a member of the Bluffton Church of God. She enjoyed traveling, loved gospel bluegrass music and working in her flowers. She loved spending time with her family and watching her favorite red birds.

She is survived by her children; Patsy (Benny) Fields of Bluffton, Jackie (Irene) Patterson of Kenvir, KY, Diane (Richard) Eubank of Markle, Candy (Ronald) Daugherty of Atwater, CA, Linda Browning of Jacksonville, FL. She was a loving grandma to 16 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great grandchildren.

She is survived by two sisters: Vernie Johnson of Virgie, KY, Hazel Meade of

Jackhorn, KY, and two brothers: Dave Fleming of Virgie, KY and Chandler (Kathy) Fleming of Durand, MI.

She is preceded in death by a sister Alpha Elswick and two brothers: James "Buddy" Lloyd Fleming and Herman Fleming.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday (October 6, 2015) at the Bluffton Church of God with calling for one hour prior to the service. Pastor John Roe will officiate. Calling hours will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Burial will take place at the Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Bertha's memory to the Bluffton Church of God. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Bluffton Church of God  
327 West Cherry Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-8202

## Service

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OCT 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 06, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ *Bertha E. Patterson*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I miss your fritters.:-)*

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**Ant Castleman** - February 22, 2017 at 09:08 PM



“ *Daniel lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**daniel** - October 20, 2015 at 04:41 PM

CA

“ *Connie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**connie anderson** - October 20, 2015 at 01:41 PM


BG

“ *BJ Gray lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**BJ Gray** - October 11, 2015 at 05:39 PM

 Craig Juzysta

“ *Craig Juzysta lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Craig Juzysta** - October 06, 2015 at 06:56 PM

RD

“ Rest in peace, Grandma Bert. I'll never forget all of the funny stories that you told me of when my mom and aunts and uncle were growing up, and how sometimes their faces would turn red when you were sharing :) I always admired you as a hard-working lady and someone who was generous and had such a big heart for your family. I wish that I had been able to spend more time with you. I'll always remember that you wanted to visit Bakersfield here in CA because that's where Buck Owens was from. We miss you and love you dearly.

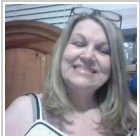
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**Ryan Daugherty** - October 05, 2015 at 07:25 AM

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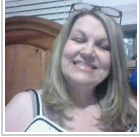
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**Alyssa Higdon** - October 04, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ Sherry Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson



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**Sherry Johnson** - October 04, 2015 at 09:00 PM



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**Sherry Johnson** - October 04, 2015 at 08:57 PM



“ *I dearly love and will miss my Aunt Bertha, so much she was such a hard worker and she could always make me laugh. Mommy loved her big sis and they were very close and Aunt Bertha was a great comfort to me after Mommy passed away. Aunt Bertha used to protect me when mommy tried to make me do housework, she would say "pack your bags, Sherry and come stay with me, we will eat out of paper plates and not wash any dishes and leave the beds unmade", I so wanted to go home with her. I know she was the best aunt to all of the Fleming grandchildren, everyone loved Aunt Bertha. We will all miss Aunt Bertha, but will carry her in our heart, forever, she was such a special part of our life growing up and we all have so many fond memories of our times with her. I know Aunt Bertha is in Heaven now, she has gained and earned her wings, she is with all her family and friends and can now RIP. I count my lucky stars to have had Aunt Bertha such a big part of my life and will never forget her and will cherish her the rest of my life.*

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**Sherry Johnson** - October 04, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ *She was a wonderful woman and will be miss by a lot of people.* ”



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**Tammy West King** - October 04, 2015 at 11:32 AM



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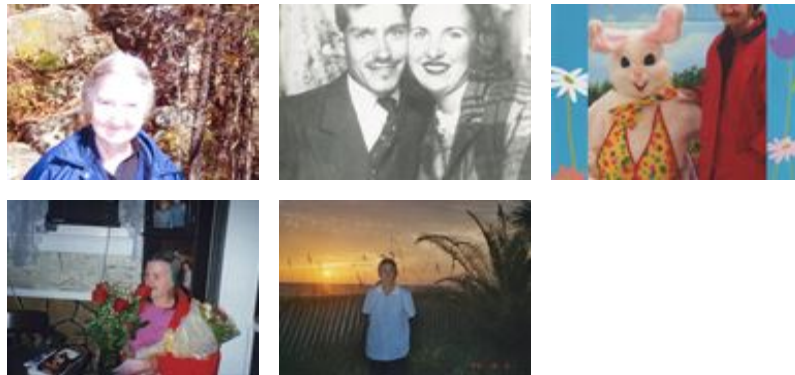


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**Chris Fields** - October 03, 2015 at 09:10 PM



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**Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home** - October 03, 2015 at 07:22 PM

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“ *Tiffanee Cole lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Tiffanee Cole** - October 03, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ *Pam Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Pam Johnson** - October 03, 2015 at 01:56 PM

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“ *Mamaw Bert was an awesome woman. She raised 5 kids after being widowed at a very young age. She worked hard. I remember one time she was working in a nursing home. She was 70 years old. She told me that some of the people there were younger than her in age but they were all a bunch of old folks. When she came to California, she loved to watch the airplanes. We would sit and watch the planes for hours.*

*There were so many stories she told me. She didn't smile very often. One time, I asked her why she didn't smile. She told that it was because she didn't have teeth.*

*Sometimes Mamaw Bert would scrunch her face up to look ornery, look at me, and then just start laughing. She did it for no other reason than to laugh.*

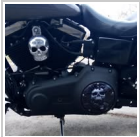
*She very rarely played the guitar but the first time I heard her play, I wanted to learn to play.*

*It's sad that the last time I saw her was about 4 years ago. I wish I could have been closer to her. We always had a lot of fun. She was my partner in crime when we were together.*

*She was 90 years old. RIP Mamaw Bert.*

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**Alyssa Higdon** - October 03, 2015 at 01:08 PM

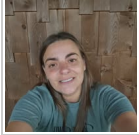


“ *Chris Fields lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Chris Fields** - October 03, 2015 at 11:12 AM

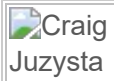


“ *Jacki Patterson-Juzysta lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Jacki Patterson-Juzysta** - October 03, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *Craig Juzysta lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Craig Juzysta** - October 03, 2015 at 10:20 AM

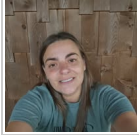


“ *Kelly Gardner lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**kelly gardner** - October 03, 2015 at 10:04 AM

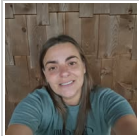


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**Jacki Patterson-Juzysta** - October 03, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ *Jacki Patterson-Juzysta lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Patterson*



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**Jacki Patterson-Juzysta** - October 03, 2015 at 09:23 AM