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Beverly was born in Allen County, Indiana, to Raymond Winford Blessing and Ona Irene (Culver) Blessing. The family moved from Allen to Wells County in 1933 after purchasing a 160 acre farm just south of Uniondale. Bev graduated from Rockcreek High School in 1946, where he was a member of the band and the 1946 County Tournament winning basketball team. After high school he farmed with his grandfather, father, and brother.

Bev met Jean Gorrell during a youth group event at the Fort Wayne First United Methodist

Church in the fall of 1948. They married on March 25, 1951 and lived on the farm in Wells

county, where Jean started teaching English and Home Economics for the Bluffton Harrison School District. They had a daughter in 1953 and a son in 1957.

In addition to his primary occupation of farming, he worked as an IBEW union electrician for

Shambaugh and Sons Electric for over 30 years. He took a four year sabbatical from electrical

work in the late 60's and early 70's to serve as Field Service Manager for Mix Mill, Inc. ,

traveling to customers' and production facilities across the US, Canada, and Europe.

Bev was very conservation minded, actively incorporating new methods and techniques in his farming and forestry. These included "no-till" planting, constructing waterways and riparian strips, expanding forest acreage, and practicing management guidelines for classified sustainable woodlands. Bev planted new trees every year amounting to more than 14,000 over his lifetime. In 2022 he was nominated for the Charles Deam Award.

Bev was a man of many talents. In 1979 he purchased property on Lake Huron in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and, with the help of his son Eric, built a vacation home of his own design, which included hand hewn beams from one of his razed barns. Bev enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and fixing and building things around the farm. He loved singing, attending opera, playing the piano, and was a voracious reader of non-fiction. In his late 80's he decided to learn to play the cello and mentored young musicians pursuing classical training. He took pride in his attire which was always stylish and appropriate. He was a man of deep faith and uncompromising integrity and held himself to the highest standards of behavior.

Bev was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jeanette Larmore, his brother Douglas Blessing, and his wife H. Jean Blessing (Jan 12, 2020). He is survived by his daughter Rebecca (Blessing) White of Peoria, IL, his son Eric Blessing and daughter-in-

law Pamela

Blessing of Markle, IN and three grandchildren; Jeremiah White of Peoria, IL,
Caroline Blessing
and Sara Blessing, both of New York, NY.

Visitation will be at Thoma/Rich Funeral Home on Friday, July 11 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. The funeral will take place on Saturday, July 12th at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, IN or the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Orchestras.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
215 East Dustman Road
Bluffton, IN 46714

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Beverly G. Blessing*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 11, 2025 at 03:31 PM

NG

“ *I have fond memories of visiting the Blessing family in their home on Sunday afternoons after church, playing the board game Carrom. My condolences to Becky and Eric. What a great family! I am blessed by the time that I spent with them. Thank you for the memories.*

Ned Gordon - July 12, 2025 at 08:31 AM

RD

“ Man, what a great guy....One of the very best I have ever known. We worked together in the early 70's traveling near and far sometimes meeting up, sometimes together. I got to know him really well. Despite our age difference, he was the one I loved being around. Maybe it was that laugh/giggle..... You know the one I mean cause he still had it 50 some years later. Same guy, same everything. Age didn't change anything. Looked the same, talked the same, giggled the same. Absolutely impossible to find something not to like about Bev Blessing.

I was honored to be able to spend time with him again this past month or so. I am thankful in so many ways, especially that roaring ride he took me on through the woods, explaining everything he knew about it and everything he needed to get done....He knew every tree, every bush or plant and it's impact on the environment. I told my oldest son Parr, who teaches environmental science at Purdue about things Bev was explaining to me about that woods. He just smiled and shook his head while saying, that is something and he agreed with all of it.

" I gotta get back here and get some of this brush cut, I gotta"....I was hanging on. "Are we gonna try to get through there?" Then the laugh/giggle...."Hang on"as I bounced out of my seat. We got stuck once. That ride was at least an hour and I will never forget it. I got to spend that time on my last visit with the best of the best and that will always be my lasting memory. I can see it clearly as I write this.....What an honor! The world is a much poorer place without Bev Blessing. You don't just replace guys like him. They're just not around.

My thanks to both of you, Eric and Pam for making this happen.

Doug Durr

Ray D Durr - July 11, 2025 at 12:35 AM



“ 145 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM

AH

“ So many wonderful memories of my special uncle, love and prayers to all the family for God to comfort you.

Anita Larmore Hanna - July 01, 2025 at 03:05 PM

SF

“ Dear Becky, Eric, and Pam,
What a blessing (no pun intended!) both of your parents were. They have been reunited once again. Your dad was such an inspiration. He was a terrific caregiver to your mom and a wonderful role model for seniors. Cherish the many memories you have and may they help to bring you comfort and peace.
Love, Sandy Geist Funk



Sandy Geist Funk - June 29, 2025 at 09:17 AM

TS

“ Tracy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly G. Blessing.

Tracy S. - June 24, 2025 at 07:03 PM

ML

“ Such an Amazing man and it was a privilege to know him and be around him!!! So sorry for your loss, Mark, Maria, Janell and Jacob Lemler



mark, Maria, Janell, Jacob Lemler - June 23, 2025 at 05:43 PM

GB

Sorry for your loss
Gene Bolinger

gene bolinger - June 24, 2025 at 12:05 PM

JP

We are so sorry for your loss. Bev was a wonderful person, and he will be greatly missed. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Jim & Joan Phelps

Joan Phelps - July 11, 2025 at 10:52 AM