

## Calvin E. Towne

May 19, 1929 - April 17, 2017

Calvin E. Towne, 87, of Bluffton passed away on Monday evening, April 17, 2017, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born on May 19, 1929 in Xenia, Ohio to John H. & Nellie (Pickel) Towne. On December 16, 1950 in Rochester, New York, Cal & Marian I. (Lindsley) Towne were married. They have enjoyed 66 years together.

Cal served his country in the United States Army from 1946 to 1949. He worked as an Engineer at Franklin Electric in Bluffton for 18 years, retiring in 1991. He was a professor at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne for over 20 years. Cal was a master electrician. He owned and operated Town Electric in Bluffton for over 35+, working with the City of Bluffton on many projects.

He was a faithful member of the Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene and was very active in the Work in Witness Mission Projects in many different countries. He enjoyed going on mission trips to build churches, overseeing the electrical part.

Survivors include his wife Marian of Markle along with children: Calvin (Linnea) Towne of Springboro, Ohio, Gerald W. (Theresa) Towne of Markle, Steve (Mary) Towne of Poneto, Carol (Ruben) Rodriguez of Justin, Texas, Sharon (Randy) Eskew of Fort Wayne, Joanne (Scott) Landers of Bluffton and Susie (Ken) Towne-Powell of Ossian. He is also survived by 34 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by a daughter Marian E. Girod in 2002.

Cal's calling hours and service will both take place at the church he loved,

Bluffton Church of the Nazarene, 1515 Clark Avenue in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 P.M. on Friday with the funeral service at 10 A.M. on Saturday (April 22, 2017) at the Bluffton Church of the Nazarene, with calling for one hour prior to the service. Rev. Tim Miller will officiate. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with military honors by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene c/o Work in Witness – DR Project. 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

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene  
1515 Clark Avenue  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Visitation

APR 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

APR 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - May 15, 2017 at 08:41 AM



“ *Calvin E. Towne*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Cal was a nice neighbor and wonderful co-worker at FE. Rest in peace Cal. The family of Dwight Wilson*

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**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - April 27, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ *Loved this family! I've known Mr. Towne and his family since they moved to Bluffton. They were a big influence in my life. I spent a lot of time in my teen years under their roof. I respected and love them for the seeds they sowed into my life.*

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**Julie Etchison** - April 22, 2017 at 05:20 PM

RB

“ We will miss him at Hardies. Enjoyed his friendship You have my sympathy. Richard Biberstein

Richard Biberstein - April 21, 2017 at 07:17 PM

EG

“ So sorry to hear that Cal passed away. I am thinking of all of you, praying for God's comfort and blessings on all my cousins. I wish I could be there with you, but you are in my thoughts and prayers. Ellen Gricewich



Ellen Gricewich - April 21, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Calvin E. Towne.



April 21, 2017 at 08:37 AM

KS

“ Steve and family,

So sorry to hear that your dad passed away. Your family is in our prayers.

Kevin and Anne Sullivan

KEVIN M SULLIVAN - April 21, 2017 at 02:24 AM

GT

“ Greg and Connie Riddle, Argyle, Texas purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Calvin E. Towne.

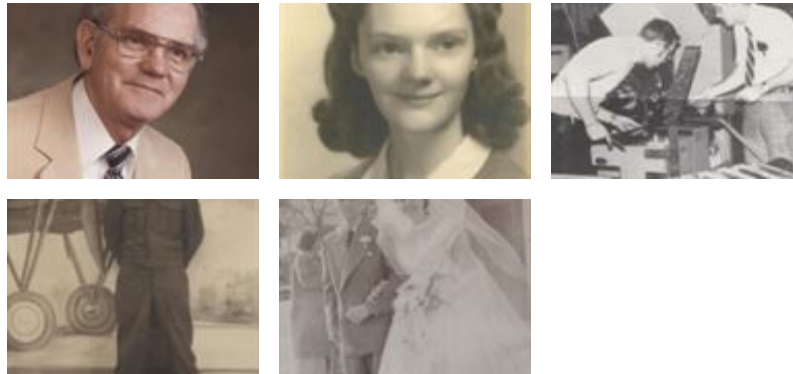


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**Greg and Connie Riddle, Argyle, Texas** - April 20, 2017 at 10:14 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - April 20, 2017 at 10:02 PM

JG

“ *BLUFFTON HAS LOST ANOTHER WONDERFUL CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MAN...OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN...GOD BLESS THE TOWNE FAMILY.*

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**JOAN GARRISON** - April 20, 2017 at 06:55 PM

GF

“ *Girod Family lit a candle in memory of Calvin E. Towne*



**Girod Family** - April 20, 2017 at 05:22 PM

GF

“ *Dad Townes's light will always shine in the hearts of his loved ones, friends and all who knew him. His love for the Lord and his family will always be remembered. Wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. Prayers and love for the family and friends of one of kindest , most gentle of men, I believe I have ever known. We are deeply saddened and miss him terribly.*

**Girod Family** - April 20, 2017 at 05:19 PM

RA

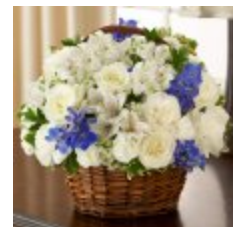
“ *Rita Atherton lit a candle in memory of Calvin E. Towne*



**Rita Atherton** - April 20, 2017 at 04:56 PM

MH

“ *Max and Lola Hess purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Calvin E. Towne.*



**Max and Lola Hess** - April 20, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin E. Towne.*



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April 20, 2017 at 04:38 PM

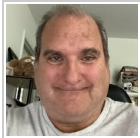


“ *Marion Hakes lit a candle in memory of Calvin E. Towne*



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**Marion Hakes** - April 20, 2017 at 04:20 PM



“ *I'm sorry that I cannot attend the visitation or the funeral, I remember his faithfulness at the Nazarene Church, and I grief with the rest of the family. Marion and Karyn Hakes in Franklin, IN (on Facebook).*

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**Marion Hakes** - April 20, 2017 at 04:19 PM




“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Calvin E. Towne.*



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April 20, 2017 at 03:56 PM

 Tammy  
Oswald  
Slater

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Towne family. You are so blessed to have had this Godly man as your guiding light. Our family is better for the influences he had on us over the years. We will miss him. Kirt, Tammy, Megan and Kaiden Slater*



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**Tammy Oswald Slater** - April 20, 2017 at 12:26 PM

CH

“ *Carol & Ruben,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Carolyn Hunnicutt** - April 20, 2017 at 08:42 AM

JB

“ *Cal taught me the foundation of Automation and was a good friend at Wabash Electric, he will truly be missed!*

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**Jacob Bradshaw** - April 20, 2017 at 05:54 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wiles sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin E. Towne*



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**brenda wiles** - April 20, 2017 at 05:01 AM

SR

“ I remember sitting and talking to Cal in the morning before Sunday school and he was so kind to me. He was also so kind to my Dad when he needed anything and Dad really liked him. Some very special memories I am passing your way. Praying for all.



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Sue Ryder - April 19, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin E. Towne.



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April 18, 2017 at 07:41 PM