



## Carl R. Stephan

December 9, 1935 - March 19, 2024

Carl R. Stephan, 88, of Ossian passed away on Tuesday evening, March 19, 2024, at The Heritage of Huntington.

Carl was born on December 9, 1935, in Huntington, Indiana to John E. & Freda (Schenkel) Stephan. A farmer most of his life, Carl was active in starting the local chapter of Reformer's Unanimous in Bluffton.

On November 14, 1988, Carl and Mary E. were married. They were married for 14 years before her passing in 2013. He married Darlene (Schibley), and she survives.

Survivors include his wife Darlene of Markle, and children; Carlene Peters, Cathlene Smith, Chris Stephan, and Chad Stephan, all of Huntington, a sister, Mae Leedy of Huntington, along with nieces & nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a his wife, Mary, and siblings; Eldon Stephan, Rose Mary Storer, Marcella Westfall and Jim Stephan.

No formal services will take place. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Redemption House of Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family at 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

## Fairview Cemetery

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

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ *Carlene, Cathlene, Chris and Chad:*

*My deepest sympathy. SO many memories growing up with your dad and all of you.*

*Hugs & 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Kathy Stanley Fleming** - April 01, 2024 at 09:13 PM

BJ

“ *So sorry to learn of Carl's passing. He was one of the finest people that God put on this earth! He spent hours trying to help anyone who would let him and was never too busy to take time to pray for/or with someone. I met Carl when I called to see what help he had to offer to a loved one with his Recovery program and it was like we had been friends forever. If he needed to be in the ICU or just visit with a person in the hospital, he would be there. If he needed to relieve someone so they could get some rest, he would be there. I had facilitated groups in the past and it was a joy to see how God used Carl to work with people. He loved God, and it showed and he loved people. Those who knew him has to have a richer life because Carl helped to make it so. Rest in Peace my friend. ~BJ*



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**BJ** - March 30, 2024 at 02:32 PM

HV

“ *Dearest Darlene... So sad to hear of Carl passing. We were blessed to get to know him, enjoying visits to your home, especially Christmas Eve dinner with you and Carl in 2018. Our prayers are with you and your family. May you find peace in the past to treasure and carry forward in your heart. Makaye and Howard Vaughn*

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**Howard and Makaye Vaughn** - March 22, 2024 at 09:46 AM

SH

“ I got to know Carl some when he and Mary went to Haiti. When they returned back to Bluffton I would make a plan to visit them.

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**Shane** - March 21, 2024 at 04:12 PM