



## Carol Leitner

September 27, 1934 - July 28, 2023

Carol Leitner, 88, of Bluffton passed away on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Lutheran Life Villages at Pine Valley in Fort Wayne.

She was born on September 27, 1934 in Wells County, Indiana to Paul W. & Ethel Berniece (Murray) Musselman. Carol graduated from Chester Center High School in 1952 and was the valedictorian of her graduating class. She was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton where she worked as the secretary for over 20 years. Carol retired from Bi-County Services in 1999 after working in the group homes and helping clients in the workshop. She enjoyed reading, was always ready to go play BINGO and her favorite title was that of loving grandma and great-grandma!

On October 21, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Carol and Joseph "Joe" John Leitner were married. They shared 53 years together before he preceded her in death on November 13, 2014.

Carol is survived by her children; Deborah Leitner of Fort Wayne, Lisa (Stephen) Bye of Harrisburg, PA, Joseph Leitner of Bluffton, Valerie Leitner of Greenfield, IN, Kimberly (Steven) Weachock of Columbia City, IN, and Charles Leitner of Fort Wayne, IN. She was a proud grandma to 7 grandchildren: Matthew, Kaitlyn, Rachel, Andrew, Travis, Molly and Makenna; and great-grandma to 2 great-grandchildren: Marceline and Magnolia.

She is also survived by a sister, Judy Canady of Warren a sister-in-law, Becky Musselman of Bluffton, and a brother-in-law, Merlin Lemke of Wisconsin along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joe and two brothers, Paul Musselman and Dale Musselman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 P.M. on Wednesday (August 2, 2023) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton. Burial will follow in the Garden of the Chimes in Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling Hours will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday (August 2, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with a rosary service at the conclusion of calling hours.

Memorials may be made in Carol's memory to Lutheran Life Villages at Pine Valley.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Leitner family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

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AUG 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 North Main Street  
Bluffton  
Bluffton, IN 46714

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 02, 2023 at 09:56 AM

EB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to my cousins. May all your memories of your Mom help you through these difficult days.  
Love to all. Vic & Ellen Brault*

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**Ellen Brault** - August 02, 2023 at 10:59 AM

BG

“ *Deb and family,  
I am so sorry to learn of Carol passing. We met while we volunteered at the Wells County Food Bank for several years and she was a jewel to work with, so kind to the people who came in for food. She was just a sweet person. Thinking of you and sending hugs.  
BJ Gray*



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**BJ Gray** - August 02, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ 137 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 01, 2023 at 05:13 PM

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“ *Dear family, I was saddened to hear of your mom's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of you all.*

*Carol and I became fast friends when my husband and I moved a few houses down from her and Joe. I looked to her for advice on many things, especially on raising my children. She was a great role model and hugger! We shared lots of laughter while watching the antics of all the kids in the neighborhood. The years we spent as neighbors and friends I hold close to my heart.*

*Rest in peace dear friend, Carol H*

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**Carol Harris** - August 01, 2023 at 03:37 PM

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*Thank you, Carol. Mom missed you and the kids when you moved away, and the older I get, the more I miss those times too. - Valerie*

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**Valerie** - August 01, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Leitner.



August 01, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ Brenda K. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Carol Leitner.



**Brenda K.** - August 01, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carol Leitner.



August 01, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Jennifer K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Leitner.

**Jennifer K.** - August 01, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol Leitner.

August 01, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Carol Leitner.*



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August 01, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Leitner.*



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July 30, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *She was a kind lady. She invited my Mom and I to share holidays with the family. They were great times. Hugs and prayers for the family. So very sorry for the loss of such a special lady. Becky and Ray Stewart*

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**Becky Stewart** - July 29, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Mrs. Leitner was a part of my childhood. She was the best neighbor to my Gma Pearl. Rest in peace Mrs. Leitner.*

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**Kamie Elston** - July 29, 2023 at 06:11 PM