



Carol Joan Lovell

July 19, 1934 - January 18, 2026

Carol Joan (Clifton) Lovell, 91 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday morning January 18th, 2026, at her residence. Carol was born July 19, 1934, in Lebanon, IN to Hershel and Elsie (Wright) Clifton. She graduated from Gray High School in Portland IN, 1952 class.

Carol married Ralph David Lovell, Jr., of Keystone IN at Dunkirk IN, in 1952. Ralph passed away at age 53 in 1986.

Survivors include her companion of 37 years Donald A. McQueary, her 4 children, Connie (Tom) Pace of South Carolina, Cheryl Hahn of Warren IN, David (Peggy) Lovell of Bluffton IN and Kim Gentis of Ossian IN. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 3 great -great grandchildren.

Carol worked in medical records at Caylor Nickel, Bluffton IN and Marion General Hospital, Marion IN for most of her working career. When she retired, she worked out of her home flower shop, Carol's Flowers and Gifts, doing grave flowers, wedding flowers and floral gifts.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents Hershel and Elsie Clifton and her siblings, Richard "Dick" Clifton, Arita Jeannine Coats, Dorothy Marlene Schell and Patricia Clifton (stillborn) and Robert "Bob" Clifton.

Visitation will take place from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Wednesday, (Jan. 21, 2026) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, (Jan. 22, 2026) at the

funeral home, with Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, outside Bryant, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to The Light, payable to the Wells County Foundation and can be directed to the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Gravel Hill Cemetery

40.53328, -84.99219
Jackson Township, Jay County, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 22. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 1:30 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 21 at 03:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carol Joan Lovell.*



January 21 at 11:51 AM



“ *Brad & Cathy Schell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Joan Lovell.*

Brad & Cathy Schell - January 21 at 11:51 AM



“ 110 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 20 at 02:50 PM



“ Dear Dave, Kim and the Lovell family. Sorry for your loss. Your families will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - January 20 at 12:07 PM



“ Love Douglas, Jeremy, Dean, Kristi Coats purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Carol Joan Lovell.



Love Douglas, Jeremy, Dean, Kristi Coats - January 20 at 10:17 AM

LC

“ Love Douglas, Jeremy, Dean, Kristi Coats planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Joan Lovell.

Love Douglas, Jeremy, Dean, Kristi Coats - January 20 at 10:17 AM

JF

“ Jim, Lucy, Bob, Kim Pace & families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Carol Joan Lovell.



Jim, Lucy, Bob, Kim Pace & families - January 19 at 08:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Joan Lovell.



January 19 at 06:25 PM

TC

“ The Chesnut's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Joan Lovell.

The Chesnut's - January 19 at 06:25 PM

BC

“ Dear Dave, Kim, and Lovell Family our Deepest Condolences on your loss of your Mother Carol! Our Prayers be with u all as you grieve her loss! In the Days, Weeks, Months, and Years to come may our Heavenly Father God grant you Peace, Grace and Comfort! God Bless the Lovell Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen! 💔💔



Barry Crosbie - January 18 at 08:35 PM

VA

The Lovell family holds so many good memories for the Palmer family. Carol was a special person, friend and a mentor. So sorry our lives got busy and we lost touch but I always held her close in my heart. What a sad time when Ralph went to heaven but today we rejoice that they are together again in the presence of our Lord. We love you Connie, Cheryl, David and Kim. Vickie & Terry

Vickie Arnold - January 22 at 11:09 AM