



## Carolyn Ann Stinson

November 25, 1938 - September 23, 2024

Carolyn Ann Stinson, 85 of Bluffton, passed away early Monday morning, September 23, 2024, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Carolyn was born on November 25, 1938, in Sweetwater, TN. to Boyd Reece and Pauleta “Polly” (Torbett) Cardin. She moved with her family to Wells County in 1945 and graduated from Liberty Center High School. She attended Ball State University for one year. She worked for Southern Wells Community Schools for 32 years, first as a teaching assistant and then as a High School Secretary. She was a longtime member of the Liberty Center Baptist Church. On August 3, 1957, Carolyn and Richard L. Stinson were married at Liberty Center Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Richard of Bluffton, her children, Keith A. (Ashley) Stinson and Kimberly A. (Luke) Leas, both of Bluffton. She was a loving grandma to eight grandchildren: Alexa Colwell, Zach Stinson, Brittany Harner, Madison Stinson, Rusty Stinson, Spencer Copeland, Hunter Copeland and Walker Leas, along with 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Sonja Buckler of Hendersonville, NC. and brother Brent (Jackie) Cardin of Tipton.

Carolyn is preceded in death by a son, Rodney L. Stinson and her parents. Visitation will take place from 3:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday (Sept. 25, 2024) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A funeral service will follow visitation at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Aaron Westfall officiating. A private family graveside will take place on

Thursday morning at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made the Alzheimer's Association for Alzheimer's Research.

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 family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 7:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Ann Stinson*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 25, 2024 at 08:28 PM

KW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Stinson family. I was so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. I have so many fond memories growing up and sharing time together. Know that you all are being lifted up in prayer.*  
*Kyle Wietholter*

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**KYLE WIETHOLTER** - November 07, 2024 at 11:32 AM

BG

“ *Richard, Kim and all of Carolyn's family, We are so sorry to learn of your loss of Carolyn. Seems like I have known her most of my life. We both were teacher assistants, Carolyn at Petroleum and I at Liberty Center and Southern Wells and we belonged to a card club with a few gals from the area and had a blast. She always seemed so organized. Sending hugs to all.*  
*Beryl (BJ), Marion, and Scott Gray*



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**BJ Gray** - September 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM

GP

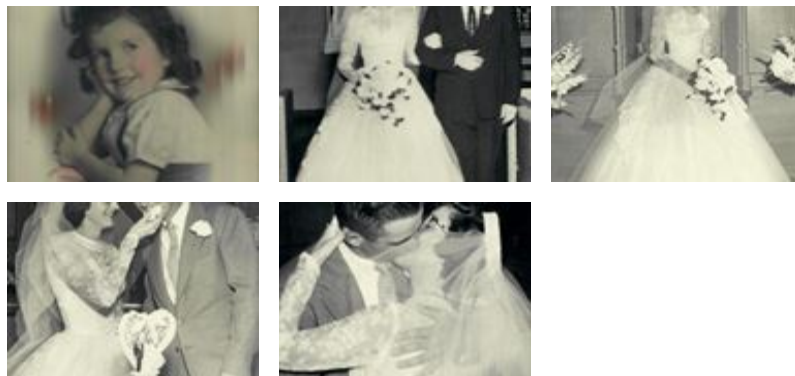
“ Carolyn was such a delightful lady and friend. Always had time to listen to this bus drivers complaints, when she was in the S.W School office. Always kind, caring, friendly and had a smile for everyone.  
Sending my love, warm hugs, and prayers for strength to Kim and Richard.

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**Glenna Plummer** - September 25, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 25, 2024 at 12:43 PM

DS

“ I really liked Carolyn; she was easy to talk to and smiled a lot, like her mother. I went to church with her and Richard for many years n remember her kids very well. I'm sure she will be greatly missed!

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**Diana Sell** - September 24, 2024 at 09:37 PM

SF

“ *Soni & family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.*



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**Soni & family** - September 24, 2024 at 09:13 PM

SF

“ *Soni & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Stinson.*

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**Soni & family** - September 24, 2024 at 09:13 PM

RD

“ *Renee, Randy, Madelyn, Bella and Daniel purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.*

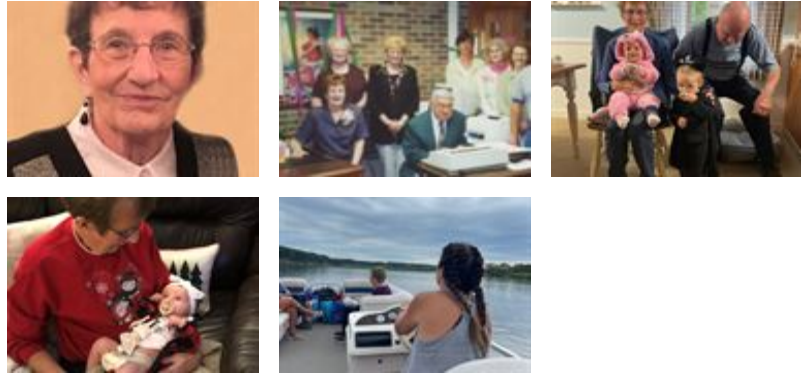


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**Renee, Randy, Madelyn, Bella and Daniel** - September 24, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ 126 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 24, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.



September 24, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.



September 24, 2024 at 11:50 AM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carolyn passing. I came to know her through ABW group of Salamonie Association. A very sweet person! Lois Spears, Warren In.

Lois Spears - September 24, 2024 at 10:44 AM

FF

“ From your New Holland Tri County Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.



From your New Holland Tri County Family - September 24, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.



September 23, 2024 at 11:46 PM

MA

“ Matt, Kamala, Nayan and Asher purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.



Matt, Kamala, Nayan and Asher - September 23, 2024 at 11:42 PM



“ From: Matt, Kamala, Nayan and Asher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Ann Stinson.

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**Matt, Kamala, Nayan and Asher** - September 23, 2024 at 11:42 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Stinson.



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September 23, 2024 at 03:18 PM