



Christine J. Melick

July 19, 1935 - March 11, 2026

Christine J. Melick, 90, of Bluffton, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Christine was born on July 19, 1935, in Nottingham Township, Wells County to Christian H. and Helen B. (French) Egly. Christian died six weeks before Christine was born. She graduated from Petroleum High School in 1953.

While in high school, Christine worked for Scott Grocery in Petroleum.

Christine retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 40 years, the last 23 of which she served as the Postmaster in Keystone. She moved to Bluffton in March 2006. She loved watching sports, especially IU basketball and making her famous caramels and cheeseballs, which she enjoyed sharing with others.

Traveling and taking family vacations were something that Christine looked forward to, but her children and grandchildren were truly her pride and joy.

On April 19, 1953, Christine and William "Bill" S. Melick were married in Redkey by Rev. Earl Vore. They shared 44 years of marriage before his passing on April 29, 1997.

Survivors include her children, Diann L. (Bucky Horn) Bowers of Noblesville, Mark J. (Mary Vincent) Melick of Grays Lake, IL. and Kristy (Jim) Walker of Bluffton, along with ten grandchildren, Robert (Aimee) Horn, Mary (Mike) Fiedler, Ellen (Joe) Hynes, Christian (Emily) Bowers, Alex (Katherine) Bowers, Derek Noble, Alyssa Noble, Karston Boone, Logan (Abi) Walker and Reese Walker and nine great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two stillborn sons,

Douglas and Mickey Melick, a grandson, Tyler Noble and brothers, Bob, Donald and Max Egly.

Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Tony Garton officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will take place from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Saturday, March 14, 2026, and for one hour prior to the service on Sunday.

Memorials may be made to Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation, American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association and may be directed through the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christine J. Melick*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 15 at 11:25 AM

SM

Beautiful lady!♥♥

Sally D Mittlestedt - March 22 at 05:07 PM

DH

“ *Duane H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine J. Melick.*

Duane H. - March 16 at 10:21 AM



“ 147 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 14 at 11:51 AM

CK

“ *Chad and Janessey Kline purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Christine J. Melick.*



Chad and Janessey Kline - March 13 at 07:20 PM

MH

“ *Kristy, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. This is heartbreaking news and I know how much you truly adored your mom and how much life she brought to you and the kids. Cherish every memory and know that peace know blankets her. Brad and Monica Hollars*

Monica Hollars - March 13 at 06:55 PM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy. She was a great neighbor in Petroleum all those years ago.*
Marilyn Langley

Marilyn Langley - March 13 at 05:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.*



March 13 at 12:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.*



March 13 at 12:30 PM

JK

“ *Condolences to the family. I remember her as kind and raised great daughters and a son*

Jon Elliott and Anna Karepkina - March 13 at 11:17 AM

KM

“ Times with Christine go back to my earliest childhood. She and “Silly Bill” were good family friends throughout their lifetimes. Christine never failed to send me a birthday card which made me feel loved. Thank you, Kristy, for helping her to continue that tradition. My heart reaches out to all of you. I am glad your mom (and grandma) was part of my life.

Kim Mann - March 13 at 11:16 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.



March 13 at 09:58 AM



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

March 13 at 09:58 AM

CM

“ Colin, Irma and Meribeth purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christine J. Melick.



Colin, Irma and Meribeth - March 13 at 09:30 AM

MB

“ Matt, Abbey, Amy, Cindy, and Beth purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Christine J. Melick.



Matt, Abbey, Amy, Cindy, and Beth - March 13 at 08:06 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.



March 12 at 09:53 PM



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

March 12 at 04:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.



March 12 at 04:11 PM

YA

“ Your family at Pearl Arts purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Christine J. Melick.



Your family at Pearl Arts - March 12 at 04:02 PM

FF

“ From Paul & Stacey Talbott and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine J. Melick.

From Paul & Stacey Talbott and family - March 12 at 03:01 PM

FF

“ From Paul & Stacey Talbott and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christine J. Melick.



From Paul & Stacey Talbott and family - March 12 at 03:01 PM

TM

“ Sorry for your loss of a special gal.



Trudy Murray - March 12 at 02:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.



March 12 at 12:47 PM



“ Michael B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine J. Melick.

Michael B. - March 12 at 12:36 PM



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

March 12 at 11:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.



March 12 at 11:30 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Christine J. Melick.



March 12 at 08:54 AM



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

March 12 at 08:54 AM



“ Lori Howard purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Christine J. Melick.



Lori Howard - March 12 at 07:00 AM



“ Kristi, my deepest condolences for you and your family. Its very difficult journey losing your mother.



Lisa M Satterfield - March 12 at 06:16 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear this. What a wonderful sweet lady. Prayers for you all. My Mom is sure going to miss her! Hugs

Jennifer Heyerly - March 11 at 06:57 PM