



## Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell Jr.

November 23, 1932 - June 7, 2024

Clarence Grover "Scotty" Cottrell, Jr. 91 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday morning, June 7, 2024, as a result of an automobile accident in Bluffton.

Scotty was born on November 23, 1932, in Decatur to Electa Glancy (Marsh) and Clarence Grover Cottrell, Sr. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1950, before enlisting in the Army. Scotty dedicated 22 years of his life to the Army, serving in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict. He retired in April 1972 with a rank of SFC (E7).

Scotty was a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, where he served as the Sargent of Arms for 24 years and as a Finance Officer for 1 year. He was a member of Moose Lodge #242 of Bluffton and served as a junior governor for 2 years.

He is survived by three nieces: Debra (Alan) Aeschliman of Berne, Kathy Geisel of Bluffton and Linda Mills of Bluffton and one nephew, Steven Geisel of Richwood, OH. and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Scotty is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Richard Cottrell and a sister, Dorothy (James) Geisel.

Visitation will be held 10 A.M. to 12 Noon on Thursday (June 13, 2024) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will follow visitation at 12 Noon on Thursday at the funeral home, with Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery with Full Military Honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Honor Guard of Post #111.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard Fund 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 online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 13.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**JUN 13.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell Jr.



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - June 13, 2024 at 02:51 PM

DS

“ Darcilyn S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell Jr..

Darcilyn S. - June 13, 2024 at 11:06 AM



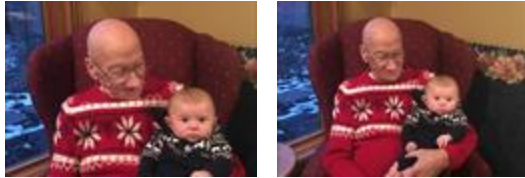
“ Celebrating "UNCLE" Clarence's life today in spirit. The kids and I weren't able to attend services. We enjoyed many family gatherings together. He will be missed.



Darcilyn Sue - June 13, 2024 at 11:01 AM

JR

“ *It wasn't Christmas if Uncle didn't have his Christmas sweater on!*



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**Janelle Reimschisel** - June 12, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ *70 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 12, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell Jr..*



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June 11, 2024 at 09:39 PM

FM

“ From his neighbors the McCormicks purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell Jr..



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**From his neighbors the McCormicks** - June 11, 2024 at 10:18 AM

CB

“ Cindy Baker-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell



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**Cindy Baker-Johnson** - June 10, 2024 at 09:10 PM

SJ

“ Scotty was always a delight to talk to. He shared so much of his life with me and my husband and I will always cherish those talks. He was a true American Hero and I always respected him for that. Rest in peace our dear Friend. ❤️🕊️💙. Love Jaybird n Sarah

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**Sarah n Jaybird** - June 10, 2024 at 08:51 PM

TM

“ Scotty and my Dad Harold Starr used to fish together and keep the family stocked with Blue Gill - Scotty continued to give me a bag every once in a while if I asked nicely 😭



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**Trudy Murray** - June 10, 2024 at 08:02 PM

TH

“ Tony Harris lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell



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**Tony Harris** - June 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM

RO

“ Prayers for the family's I sure will miss talking him . Prayers love ya my friend Rose



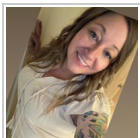
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**Rose** - June 10, 2024 at 05:18 PM

ME

“ Madison Eisenhut lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell



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**Madison Eisenhut** - June 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ Jessica Marshall Johnson lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell



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**Jessica Marshall Johnson** - June 10, 2024 at 03:38 PM

DG

“ Sadden to learn of Scotty’s passing. He served our country well. I always enjoyed talking with him and learning about all his fishing episodes at Stahl’s pond. For years he would ride his bike every day out there to fish. Scotty will be truly missed by all who knew him. The Cottrell family will be in our prayers during this difficult time.



Dan Gerdom - June 08, 2024 at 07:30 PM

DG

“ Saddened to learn of Scotty's passing. He was such a character and a neat guy to talk too. He really loved to fish as I would see him ride his bike to Stahl's lake almost everyday years ago. May you rest in peace and we will keep Scotty's family in our prayers.



Dan Gerdom - June 08, 2024 at 08:56 AM

BC

“ Barry Crosbie lit a candle in memory of Clarence G. "Scotty" Cottrell



Barry Crosbie - June 07, 2024 at 11:44 PM