



## Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger

October 1, 1951 - September 17, 2017

Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger, 65, of Rome City, passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at Parkview Randallia in Fort Wayne.

Cindy was born on October 1, 1951 in Bluffton to Ralph & Joyce (Fryback) Smith. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1969. She had a career in banking and was the Vice President of Key Bank in Angola. For the past 12 years, Cindy worked as the office manager for Strawser Brothers Construction and enjoyed the relationships she built with customers and especially her colleagues in the Strawser family.

Cindy loved life at the lake and was happiest when surrounded by family and friends for weekends with cookouts, boating, fishing, and watching the kids go tubing past her pier. She was an excellent hostess and enjoyed cooking for all of her guests; no matter how many people showed up, Cindy always found room for everyone to sleep and had hot coffee for quiet mornings out on her deck. She enjoyed tending to her flowers, feeding the ducks, and taking the kids to the local ice cream shop in Rome City. Cindy also enjoyed quilting, decorating cakes, basket weaving, making stained glass art, and reading. She enjoyed nights with her book club and loved seeing her friends and family for any occasion. Cindy was a dear friend to many, and she was an aunt that was loved and admired by her many nieces and nephews.

Cindy was also a daughter to Joyce (Donald) Shady and Ralph Smith and was a beloved sister to her siblings Don, Neal, Judy, and Sherri. She was close to her parents and maintained a strong bond with her brothers and

sisters throughout her entire life. She was a best friend to both, someone who inspired all of them with her strength and kindness. Cindy was always available for good advice and support, regardless of the situation, to help her siblings.

Cindy's greatest role was that of a wife and mother. She married Joe Poffenberger on April 11, 1970 in Bluffton, Indiana. Joe and Cindy were always a team, supporting each other through everything. They enjoyed their time together at the lake with friends and family, and most of all, with their children. Cindy always said that Corey and Kelli were her greatest accomplishments; she doted on her children, supporting and loving them unconditionally. Whether it was Corey's high school days singing as Danny Zuko, his days at IU, wild antics with high school buddies, or his success in the business world, Cindy enjoyed and celebrated all aspects of Corey's life. She also loved reminiscing about Kelli's years as a teenage girl, her friends and days playing softball, but she especially was proud of Kelli becoming a wife and teacher. She loved her son-in-law Justin like he was her own, was the best grandmother to her "grand dog" Stokley, and enjoyed helping Kelli decorate her classroom. Cindy especially enjoyed being a nana to her beloved Emmery, who she enjoyed visiting whenever possible, and when it wasn't, Cindy would Facetime her instead. Cindy looked forward to the arrival of her new grandson; one of her greatest joys in life was seeing her daughter Kelli become a mother.

Cindy was loved by all who knew her; she always had a smile on her face and lifted up everyone she met. She will be dearly missed.

Cindy is survived by her mother Joyce (Donald) Shady of Bluffton, along with her husband Joe of Rome City ; daughter Kelli (Poffenberger) Sims, son-in-law Justin Sims, granddaughter Emmery, and her siblings: Don (Jackie) Smith of Bluffton, Judy (Kent) Thompson of Bluffton, Neal (Vickie) Smith of Floyds Knobbs, IN and Sherri (Charlie) Smiley of Wolcottville, Indiana. Cindy is preceded in death by her father and a son Robert Corey Poffenberger on October 24, 2003.

A service to celebrate Cindy's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday (Sept. 20, 2017) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Ted Ellis will officiate. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Calling hours will take place from 2 to 8 on Tuesday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made in Cindy's name to the Free to Breathe, a partnership of Lung Cancer Survival.

Cindy's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the 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

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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SEP **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 19, 2017 at 03:19 PM



“ *Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you.*

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**Richard Coffey** - September 25, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *I am so deeply saddened to learn of Cindy's death. My heartfelt condolences go out to Joe, Kelli, Justin, to Mrs. Shady and all those whose lives were graced by being a part of this extraordinary woman's life.*

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**Jody Ewing** - September 24, 2017 at 07:24 AM

AS

“ *Annette Sutton sent a virtual gift in memory of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger*



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**Annette Sutton** - September 19, 2017 at 08:24 PM

MS

“ *Joe and family....you are in my thoughts and prayers! Cindy was a special friend..she will be missed dearly! Sincerely Marge Strawser*

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**Marge Strawser** - September 19, 2017 at 05:56 PM

JR

“ *Dear Joe and family .....My condolences and prayers will be with you on this day , may God Bless Cindy and all of you in this sad time .*

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**Jerry Ross** - September 19, 2017 at 12:42 PM

DD

“ *I remember one summer we were going out on our boat with our son Nate, and Cindy gave us some fish she had made, we assumed Joe had caught it. It was the best fish that we had ever eaten. Nate still talks about it to this day! We didn't know you well Cindy, but boy could you make fish!*  
*Deb and Lonnie Drennon*



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**Deb Drennon** - September 19, 2017 at 12:27 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 19, 2017 at 08:05 AM



“ *Cindy was the best of friends. Times with her in High School were always filled with laughter and fun. We were married just one week apart to the loves of are life time.*

*So sad we let distance keep us from getting together more often through the years, after we moved to Louisville, Ky.*

*Pam Claghorn Spichiger*

Pamela Spichiger - September 18, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ *Love, The Rex St Boys and their Families purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.*



Love, The Rex St Boys and their Families - September 18, 2017 at 06:36 PM



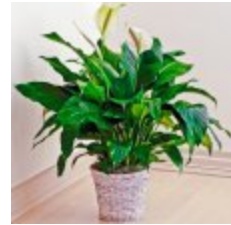
“ *Pink Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.*



September 18, 2017 at 03:56 PM



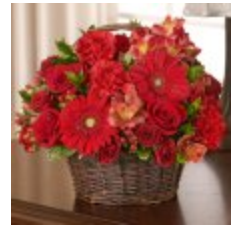
“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.*



September 18, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.*



September 18, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sylvan Lake Improvement Association purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.*



**Sylvan Lake Improvement Association** - September 18, 2017  
at 02:37 PM

MM

“ My love and prayers go out to you Joe, Kelli, Justin, Emmery and all of Cindy's family and friends. I had the wonderful honor of knowing Cindy for the last few years and she became my 2nd Mom (my work Mom). She will be greatly missed by all of us here at Strawser Bros.



Michelle Mahoney - September 18, 2017 at 02:04 PM



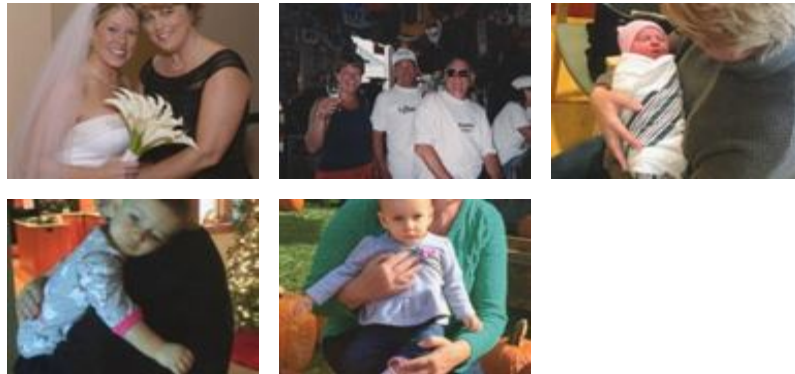
“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.



September 18, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - September 18, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.*



September 18, 2017 at 01:43 PM



“ *Joe I was sorry to hear of the passing of your wife Cindy. Diane and Carl Grove*

**Carl Grove** - September 18, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ *Justin & Nicci Upp Family lit a candle in memory of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger*



**Justin & Nicci Upp Family** - September 18, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger.*



September 18, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ *So Sorry for Your loss. Thoughts & Prayers for the Family.*

**Sandra & Randy Davis** - September 18, 2017 at 09:32 AM

SD

“ *Sandra & Randy Davis lit a candle in memory of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger*



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**Sandra & Randy Davis** - September 18, 2017 at 09:27 AM

LM

“ *Joe, Kelli, and family ~ We were so saddened to hear of Cindy's passing. She was such a positive person to be around and Kelli we remember so fondly all those "dancing" days you shared with Amanda and the times you girls spent together before you entered school. Hugs to all and our love to you all. Ken & Louise Miller*



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**Louise Miller** - September 18, 2017 at 09:07 AM

DG

“ *Sorry to hear about Cindy's passing. Joe you and your family are in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



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**Dan Gerdom** - September 18, 2017 at 08:47 AM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. Janie Hamilton Seiller*

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**Jane Seiller** - September 18, 2017 at 07:54 AM

MZ

“ *Mary Beth Collins Zeis lit a candle in memory of Cynthia "Cindy" Poffenberger*



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**Mary Beth Collins Zeis** - September 18, 2017 at 06:18 AM

MP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Cindy was a class of '69 classmate. According to the obituary, Cindy lived life to the fullest....leaving her family with precious memories.*

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**Martha Poling** - September 17, 2017 at 09:44 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear about this. You all are in our thoughts and prayers...*

*Love, Ben and Jill (Ellis) Baughan*

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**Ben and Jill (Ellis) Baughan** - September 17, 2017 at 09:03 PM

DO

“ *Dear Joe, Kelli, Justin & family,  
Pat & I loved Cindy very much. We feel privileged to have been friends for so many years. I especially recall grade school, high school, getting married years, and especially the past several sharing times at their home at the lake. Always welcoming, always a smile on her face. You will be missed a great deal my friend. All our love & sympathy. Wish we could be there in person but I hope you feel our presence in your hearts. Pat & Di*

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**Diane Oetting** - September 17, 2017 at 08:04 PM

DH

“ *I wasn't a close friend of Cindy's, but whenever we saw each other she always took the time to stop and chat for a few minutes, just to catch up. To all of the family, so sorry for your loss*

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**Debby Gaunt Hill** - September 17, 2017 at 07:33 PM