



## Dan N Decker

November 24, 1948 - April 24, 2014

Dan N. Decker, 65, of rural Bluffton passed away suddenly at 8:25 a.m. Thursday April 24, 2014 at his residence.

Dan was born on November 24, 1948 in Bluffton to Max L. & Virginia M. (Hoffman) Decker. Dan graduated from Lancaster High School in 1967, which was the last graduating class. He enrolled and completed the General Electric Tool & Die Program. Dan worked for 25 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne, serving for 20 years as a supervisor. He started farming when he was 19 years old and has continued to farm in Rockcreek Township.

On May 2, 1969 in Zanesville, Dan married Ellen Jo (Cayot), she survives in rural Bluffton. He is also survived by a son Jess Adam (wife Nichole) Decker of Bluffton along with a brother Kent L. (wife Beth) Decker of Hudson, Wisconsin and two sisters Linda (husband Charles) Isch of Bluffton and Brenda (husband Russell) Mayer of Ossian.

Calling will be held Monday, April 28, at the funeral home from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Steve Whetstone will officiate. Burial will take place at Emmanuel Cemetery in Rock Creek, Township, Wells County. Memorial may be made in Dan's memory to Eastern European Aid Association through the funeral home. Friends can send online

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

# Cemetery Details

## Emmanuel Cemetery

5000 W 200 N  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dan N Decker*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Ellen,  
We were so sorry to here of Dan's death. You have our deepest  
sympathy and we are praying for your comfort in this time of sorrow.*

*Stan and Linda Reed*

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**Stan and Linda Reed** - May 01, 2014 at 06:11 PM



“ *Ellen, I was really saddened to hear of Dan's passing. He was  
always a great guy and we had some things in common by both  
graduating from Lancaster and both being GE Apprentices many  
years ago. My prayers are with you, your family, and Dan's family.*

*Tim Crum*

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**Tim Crum** - April 28, 2014 at 02:50 PM



“ *Ellen, Vicky and I send prayers your way. Dan was a good guy. I  
know from talking to you that he had health problems, but, we  
expect to keep on forever. Our time growing up, going to Union  
Center and getting to know Dan and the rest of the Lancaster and  
Rockcreek group holds some great memories.*

*Dale and Vicky Best*

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**Dale Best** - April 28, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Dan N Decker.*



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April 28, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *Ellen, so very sorry to learn of your great loss. I only knew Dan for a short time, but have many good memories.. I don't know many people who have had Heart Transplants, but am glad that you had Dan for these few extra bonus years. The good news is that the new heart that Jesus gave him wil enable you to build renewed and new memories in God's Kingdom to come. May God continue to be your guide and comfort in the days ahead. He will give you strength. Licia and I will be praying for you. Kurt Bandel*

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**Kurt Bandel** - April 28, 2014 at 08:49 AM



“ *Ellen. So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. He was one of the "good guys" of our graduating class in 1967. He brings back many memories of our years at Lancaster Central High School. He was a special, solid person to know and hang out with. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

*Dan Schwartz*

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**Daniel Schwartz** - April 27, 2014 at 08:20 PM

PB

“ Dearest Friend...I opened the paper this morning and couldn't believe what I read...I know how much you loved Dan...you and Dan have gone through so much together. Know you, Jess and Nichole and rest of the family are in our thoughts and prayers. You have such a wonderful network of friends and family that will be a great comfort to you. May the Lord hold you tight. Love you Ellen  
Always, Tom and Phyllis

Phyllis Barger - April 27, 2014 at 01:24 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I attended school with him at Lancaster. I remember him as being a really great person. Hopefully many good memories will help ease the pain for family and friends.

Susan Conrad - April 27, 2014 at 12:47 PM

MG

“ I send my condolences to Ellen & family. Dan & I were lifelong friends and we played lots of baseball and basketball together. Dan was a good friend and a good guy. May God watch over you Ellen.

Mick Green

Mick Green - April 27, 2014 at 12:11 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Dan N Decker.



April 27, 2014 at 09:25 AM

TB

“ Dearest Friend,,,I opened the paper today and couldn't believe what I was reading. I am so sorry for your loss. Dan and you have gone through so much together and I know how much you loved him. Know you and Jess and Nichole are in our thoughts and prayers...I know also you have a wonderful support system with family and friends in the Bluffton area and they too will bring you comfort with words and actions. May the Lord hold you tight...Love you...Tom and Phyllis (Hurraw) Barger...

Tom and Phyllis Barger - April 27, 2014 at 07:38 AM

KB

“ Ellen, I'm so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. I knew him and his family all my early life. He was one of the good guys!! He will be greatly missed by many. May he rest in peace. Karen Freeman Bell

Karen Freeman Bell - April 26, 2014 at 02:15 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dan N Decker.



April 26, 2014 at 12:38 PM

MO

“ Ellen, Very sorry to hear about your loss. I'm pretty sure I rode the schoolbus with Dan and his sisters at some point. I was older so I remember his sisters better. I don't have any specific stories to tell. I do remember meeting you during the 24/7 Prayer Room time at Hope. Also know your heart for Operation Christmas Child. You already know the power of pray. So when we tell you we're praying for you, you will understand how deeply we care about you. A twirling ballerina keeps her eyes on one thing to maintain her balance. We ask Jesus to help you focus on HIM in the days ahead.  
Marilyn Hasler Oliver

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**Marilyn Oliver** - April 26, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GH

“ So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Went to school with Dan all 12 years at Lancaster Central. He was a great guy and I have lots of good memories. No words seem enough to express the whole he leaves. May memories and the love of our Lord bring you peace and comfort today and through the months ahead.  
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

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**Glennis Henly** - April 25, 2014 at 10:21 PM