



## Dana L. Staples

November 24, 1951 - June 19, 2022

Dana Lynn Staples, 70 of Waynedale, passed away on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at his home.

He was born on November 24, 1951 to Charles E. Staples & Thelma Ruth (Eads) Brown. Dana attended Southern Wells High School before entering the United States Army in 1971. While serving his country, he fought in Vietnam and drove fuel trucks. He was a truck driver for 40 years and a member of the Teamsters, and worked as a labor contractor driving trucks in Iraq. Recently, he was working for Cleaning One Contractors in Bluffton. His faith had him and his family in church every Sunday for many years. He belonged to Men's Prayer Breakfast. He started AA and NA meetings. His hobby was his lawn and taking care of his yard.

Dana was a very talented artist and the owner / artist at 5 Air Brush Stores, West Coast Air Brush, throughout Toledo and Detroit. He also taught Air Brush classes at Owens Community College in Toledo.

Dana is survived by a daughter Deva L. Betts of Bluffton, two stepdaughters; Kimberly (Joe Schreiber) Cook of Toledo, OH and CoriAnna (Rogrit) Lane of Sylvania, OH, along with six grandchildren; Chase (Nicole) Cook, Logan Staples, Alex Staples, Alanna Lane, Caden Lane and Miranda Betts. He is also survived by his siblings; Gary Hays of FL, Debbie (Bill) Lowe of Marion, Elaine (Charles) Sills of Bluffton, Rochelle (Gary) Jamison of Bluffton, Roxanne (Larry) Dublin of Geneva, Kristiana "Kristi" (David) Davis of GA and Carla Staples of Poneto.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings; Gloria Keller, Leslie "Chopper" Mazelin, Dennie Mazelin and Joey Pierce.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 12 Noon to 3 P.M. & 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Funeral Services will take place at 5:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the funeral home with Pastor Paul Mowery officiating, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

Burial will take place at Marion National Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the family to help at this difficult time.

Funeral 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

## Marion National Cemetery

1700 East 38th Street  
Marion, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 25. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 25. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 26. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 26. 5:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dana L. Staples*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 25, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Dana L. Staples*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *150 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 24, 2022 at 08:19 PM



*A good man, and one of the greatest influences in my life. Dana, it was an honor to work beside you and learn from you. You shaped my life in many ways. Rest In Peace, brother.*

**Re Lentless** - June 30, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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“ *Prayers to Deva and family.*



**Kelly Harris** - June 24, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dana L. Staples.*



June 24, 2022 at 07:39 AM

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“ *Robin Staples lit a candle in memory of Dana L. Staples*



**Robin Staples** - June 23, 2022 at 07:01 PM

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“ *To Dana's family,  
I've known and loved him for almost 40 years. He was a Christ  
follower and he will be remembered from the light he's left in our  
hearts. Shine on!*

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**Robin Staples** - June 23, 2022 at 06:58 PM