



## Darwin D. McAfee

May 25, 1926 - October 11, 2017

Darwin Dwight McAfee, 91, of Bluffton passed away on Wednesday morning, October 11, 2017, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Darwin was born on May 25, 1926 in Bluffton to Lewis Dwight & Bonnie Mae (Schell) McAfee. He graduated from Rockcreek High School with the class of 1944. Darwin was a lifelong farmer and drove bus for Northern Wells Community School for 23 years. He was an IHSAA basketball referee for 13 years. Before he started farming, he owned and operated the Rockcreek Filling Station from 1948 to 1952. He is a lifetime member of the First Reformed Church where he served as a deacon, elder and trustee on the church consistory and also served as Sunday School Superintendent.

On February 26, 1948 in Bluffton, Darwin & Betty Irene (Roberts) were married at the First Reformed Church by Rev. Matthew Worthman.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Betty of Bluffton, along with his children: Sharon K. (Larry) Reed of Ossian, Cathy M. (Randy) Harnish and Michael D. (Brenda) McAfee of Bluffton along with 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by his brother Arlin K. (Sally) McAfee of Ossian.

Darwin is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Owen Oscar McAfee.

A service to celebrate Darwin's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday (Oct. 14, 2017) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Mike Gilbert and Mikael Dodge will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Friday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Memorials may be made to Family LifeCare, Murray Missionary Church or First Reformed Church.

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.co](http://www.thomarich.co)

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# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Cemetery

1621 W. 300 N.  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

OCT **14.** 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darwin D. McAfee*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 13, 2017 at 02:04 PM



“ *Darwin D. McAfee*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Darwin will always be remembered as bus driver and basketball referee but also as a great neighbor and friend.*  
*Larry & Carolyn Bayless*

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**Larry Bayless** - October 15, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear about Darwin's passing. Lot of good memories.*

*Darrell and Carolyn Yager*

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**Darrell Yager** - October 13, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *Fred & Carolyn Roberts family. purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Darwin D. McAfee.*



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**Fred & Carolyn Roberts family.** - October 13, 2017 at 07:46 AM

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“ Darwin was the best bus driver ever!! He was so patient with the little girls that loved to tease him and what fun that was! He was so special and will be missed.  
Bart and Vicki Seslar

Vicki Seslar - October 12, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ 105 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 12, 2017 at 04:09 PM

GG

“ I will always remember Darweenie and Betty. Forever friends of my mom and dad. A joy to my sisters and me! Great memories.  
Glenda ( Dunn )

Glenda Dunn Goeglein - October 12, 2017 at 12:55 PM

JS

“ Your father (grandfather) was a role model to so many. I remember him well from First Reformed Church. Sending thoughts and prayers to all.  
Joyce and Bill Seck

Joyce Seck - October 12, 2017 at 07:41 AM