



## David F. Barnhart

April 13, 1939 - October 1, 2017

David F. Barnhart, 78 of Bluffton passed away early Sunday morning, October 1, 2017, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Bluffton.

Mr. Barnhart was born April 13, 1939 in Dearborn, Michigan to Ann and Ralph Barnhart. He was raised in Dearborn, Michigan. He was a 1957 graduate of Roosevelt High School. He married Katherine LaVerne Junttonen on June 18, 1960.

Mr. Barnhart received a BSME degree from Lawrence Tech University and held various supervision positions in the Engineering field. They included company positions with American Standard, Massey Ferguson, Gilmore & Tatge, Blont Agri and General Manufacturing. He also had an Associate Realtors license in Michigan. Locally, he was employed at Blont Agri and General Manufacturing where he retired in 2011.

Dave enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, shopping, fishing and watching football and basketball games. He was an avid Michigan fan. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include his son Todd (Laura) Barnhart of Highland, Michigan, daughters Shari (Steve) Person of East Lansing, Michigan and Julie (David) Certain of New Port Richey, Florida; six grandchildren, three great

grandchildren; sister, Karen (Al) Norkunas of Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his wife Katherine after 54 years of marriage.

A service to celebrate David's life will be held at 6 P.M. on Friday, October 6, 2017, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Rev. Steve Bard will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Family Life Care (Hospice) or Boys and Girl Club in Bluffton.

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).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT 6. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David F. Barnhart*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dave*

*What can I say about Dave! He was an awesome Genuine human being ! The 1st time justina asked me to come over to her grandparents house I was nervus, because my grandparents had passed before I was born besides for my one grandma who I only got to see for a month or to out of the yr and only for a few yrs. So I had never got to see the grandparent Dynamic ! I remember them Bekkering back-and-forth playfully with each other then justina also with them to ! It was fun to watch And observe this kind of love ! I seen what supportive grandparent they both were When they would come to Drayvens Tee ball games ! When Kathy was passing i got to see that loving caring side of Dave and it was beautiful! I was worried as I'm sure all of you were after Kathy passed and how Dave Would cope with it , but he has Such an extraordinary family to give him support he did great ! I was honored to take care of Dave Briefly when he came to one of my facilities for rehab ! He never gave me a hard time lol thank God or I told him I would call justin or one of his daughters. But the bond i witnessed him have fist hand with Justina was beautiful! I am honored And greatful that she allowed me to experience a little bit of it ! You will be missed Dave!*

*LOVE YOU! Besteroni!*

*Love you all*

*Sincerely Victoria Hilliard!!*

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**Victoria Hilliard** - October 08, 2017 at 02:04 PM



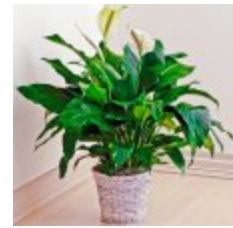
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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 04, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of David F. Barnhart.



October 03, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of David F. Barnhart.



October 03, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of David F. Barnhart.*



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October 03, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ *Rick & Martie purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of David F. Barnhart.*



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**Rick & Martie** - October 02, 2017 at 07:54 PM




“ *Schlaff Family Roger Linda Matt Paula purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of David F. Barnhart.*



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**Schlaff Family Roger Linda Matt Paula** - October 02, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ *Barney was one of those people that could brighten the darkest of days. During my brain surgery and healing he took the time every single day while I was out there to make sure I was doing ok... true friends come in various forms and he was just that, a true friend!*  
*Kelly Harris* 

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**Kelly Harris** - October 02, 2017 at 04:00 PM

TB

“ Julie and justina we are think of you all!!! David was a very loving and caring man he will be missed by many!! Love you guys



The Bodenheimer's - October 02, 2017 at 02:39 PM

LT

“ Laura & Todd purchased the Garden Accent Stone - “It Broke My Heart to Lose You” for the family of David F. Barnhart.



Laura & Todd - October 02, 2017 at 02:27 PM

KC

“ Karen and Al, Kim and Court, Kelly and Chris purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of David F. Barnhart.



Karen and Al, Kim and Court, Kelly and Chris - October 02, 2017 at 01:16 PM