



David D. Eckelbarger

December 28, 1929 - August 14, 2021

David D. Eckelbarger, 91 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday evening, August 14, 2021, at his residence.

He was born on December 28, 1929 in Huntington County, Indiana to Lawrence & Mary (Carter) Eckelbarger. David graduated from East Union Center High School and worked his entire career as an over the road truck driver. He started driving for Gerber Dairy and enjoyed driving for many years and retired driving for Ormsby Trucking Company. He attended the Bluffton Wesleyan Chapel in Bluffton.

Survivors include his children; David W. (Ruthie) Eckelbarger of Bluffton, Ronald L. Eckelbarger of Montpelier, Diana M. (Ron) Uptgraft of Decatur, Debra S. (Jim) Streater of Carmel, IN, Sharon R. (Bill) Smith of Uniondale, Daniel J. (Karen) Eckelbarger of Craigville, Samuel D. (Lisa) Eckelbarger of Louisville, Elizabeth A. (Kevin) Fiebig of Freemont, Timothy L. Eckelbarger of Craigville along with 39 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and 49 great-great-grandchildren.

David is also survived by 4 sisters; Anna Belle McCartney of Bluffton, Marilyn (Don) Wilson of Markle, Nancy Adams of Beaverton, MI and Joyce Greene of Markle.

He is preceded in death by his parents, spouse, Sarah Larita Eckelbarger, a brother, William Eckelbarger and a sister, Barbara Davidson.

A service to celebrate David's life will be held at 5 P.M. on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor John

Bigger and David's son, Daniel J. Eckelbarger will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Thursday, prior to the service. Burial will take place at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Memorials may be made in David's memory to the Bluffton Wesleyan Chapel and can be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Eckelbarger family online at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.
Ossian, IN 46777
(260) 622-6526

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 19, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *David D. Eckelbarger*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Morgan Zanzinger lit a candle in memory of David D. Eckelbarger*



Morgan Zanzinger - December 14, 2021 at 05:42 PM



Thank you Morgan

David Eckelbarger - January 17, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ *Missing you already grandpa. We love you! Love Mac, Nancy, Noah & Macy Bowers*



Nancy Bowers - August 23, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 19, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Joyce Greene - August 19, 2021 at 11:17 AM

CH

“ Dan and I were saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I always enjoyed his visits to the Uniondale Post Office. Dan just saw him a few days before he passed. God bless your family during this difficult time.



Christine and Dan Hunt

Christine and Dan Hunt - August 19, 2021 at 09:52 AM

TO

“ Dave was one of a kind. Generous, kind loyal and more. I enjoyed being around Dave for many years and appreciated the deep friendship he and my dad had over those years. Condolences too Daves family and peace be with you.

Tim Ormsby - August 19, 2021 at 01:04 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of David D. Eckelbarger.



August 18, 2021 at 08:53 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with the whole family. Susie Moon

Susie Moon - August 18, 2021 at 06:37 PM

JH

“ Dave and our dad were the best buddies. Dave was certainly a part of our family too. I'm sure when our dad met up with him last weekend he was smiling and said “what took you so long!” Sending prayers of comfort to Dave's huge family. His work here is done, Rest In Peace Dave E.

♥ The Ormsby Family



Julie Holte - August 18, 2021 at 03:08 PM



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 18, 2021 at 12:44 PM

VR

“ Dear Eckelbarger family, May your faith and love of family and friends comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Vicki Rogers

Vicki Rogers - August 18, 2021 at 10:51 AM



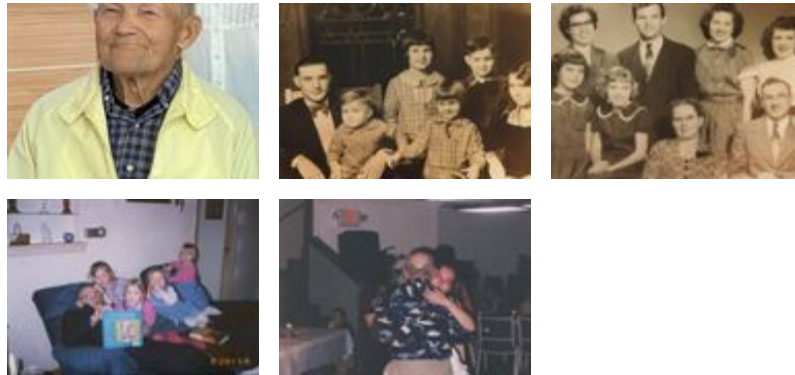
“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David D. Eckelbarger.*



August 17, 2021 at 10:32 PM



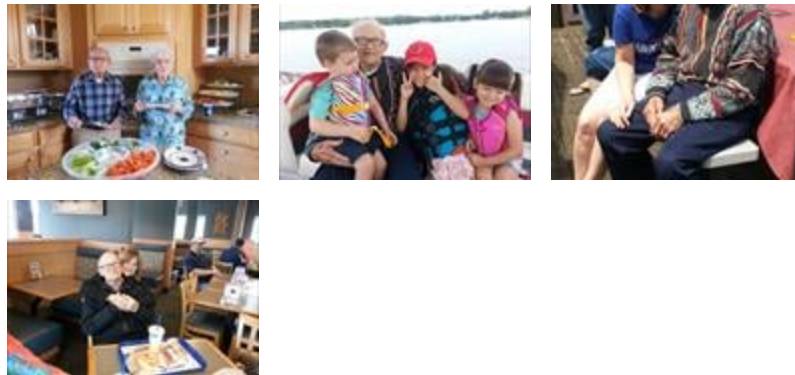
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Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - August 17, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Elizabeth - August 15, 2021 at 10:18 PM

RM

“ *Rose Marshall lit a candle in memory of David D. Eckelbarger*



Rose Marshall - August 15, 2021 at 09:48 PM

EE

Love you Dad, Elizabeth 💕

Elizabeth Eckelbarger - August 15, 2021 at 10:23 PM