

Deakota Michael Ingle

February 16, 2001 - April 6, 2021

Deakota Michael Ingle, 20, of Bluffton passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. He was born on February 16, 2001 in Bluffton. Deakota is the son of Douglas Scott and Cynthia (Bluhm) Ingle of Bluffton and graduated from Norwell High School in 2019. He chose to be baptized at the 2013 Christ In Youth (CIY) conference by his dad and youth pastor, Kevin Mechling.

Deakota was a Packing Machine Operator at Utz Quality Foods. In his free time, he was the sound technician for Six Feet to Salvation and he was an engine builder.

He enjoyed working on classic cars and stereo systems. He recently rebuilt an engine for his 1978 Buick Skylark and constructed a lighted engine block coffee table. He was often helping others with car repairs and yard work. He also enjoyed making ink pens on the lathe and giving them away to friends. Deakota loved playing his drums and, while growing up, riding his bike.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Elijah; paternal grandparents James and Linda Ingle; maternal grandparents Ben and Sue Bluhm; aunts and uncles, Greg and Becky Ingle, David and Lynnette Bluhm, Matthew and Sarah Bluhm, and Michael and Shelby Bluhm; numerous cousins; relatives Heather Humphrey, Sheryl Delmas, Thomas Skinner and many friends.

The family would like to thank all the people who have encouraged and supported Deakota through kind words, actions, and prayers over the years.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at the First Church of Christ with Pastor Brandon Kelley officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will be held from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Friday at the Thoma/Rich Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Family Centered Services or the Wells County Boys & Girls Club, through the funeral home.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are at your own discretion for visitation and for the service. We appreciate your cooperation and patience. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to Deakota's family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Church of Christ
909 W Spring St
Bluffton, IN

Funeral Service

APR 10. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Church of Christ
909 W Spring St
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - May 06, 2021 at 07:42 PM



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Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - April 09, 2021 at 03:54 PM

FW

Deakota you will b missed but never forgotten.you were a wonderful neighbor of ours. You were very kind an had a heart of gold. We will miss you. Rest in heavenly peace our dear friend.

Felicia and Dan williamson - April 09, 2021 at 09:12 PM

SH

If we can have back the moments that we had with you, I know we would all cherish them and not let a moment slip through. You touched so many lives with your smile, and in your own way you put a piece of yourself in our hearts, that will always be here to stay. We may now be broken, but we know where you are, walking around above the Stars. You left your footprints for all of us to see, one day we will all follow them to where it leads. Knowing Heaven is where you will be.

Shane - April 09, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ Deakota Michael Ingle

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

CM

“ To the Ingle's family...you have my deepest sympathy for the loss of Deakota. I can tell by all the wonderful pictures of all your family with Deakota, he had such a good life with a loving family. My heart breaks for you. I was Heather's "Big Sister" for several years from the time she was was 5 years old. I tried to give her good Christian guidelines and a loving home for the limited amount of time we were together. Heather, when I saw Deakota's picture in the paper I knew he was your son.He looks exactly like you did when you were young (except for your beautiful red hair). You my dear have my deepest sympathy.

Carol Myers

Carol Myers - April 12, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JG

“ I remember holding Deakota when he was just days old ... and did not realize this is the same young man who, years later, we had the pleasure of coaching at Norwell! He worked hard and swam fast, and was a great swim team member! We always enjoyed his quick wit and big smile - I remember he always wore a watch and sometimes I'd ask him what time it was, just to see him smile. What an awesome young man, and a joy to talk to!

Prayers for peace and comfort offered to you all - we are so sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing your son with all of us! He was such a blessing!

Jody Gates



Jody Gates - April 12, 2021 at 12:20 AM

DK

“ Dear Ingle family, I am truly sorry for your loss and send my deepest and most sincere condolences. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you and may peace and comfort find you during this difficult time. Regards Deniza

Deniza Kanter - April 09, 2021 at 10:42 PM

JL

“ Our hearts go out to all the family of Deakota. What a special young man that blessed your lives. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe and Pam Longsworth - April 09, 2021 at 07:58 PM

NH

“ I didn't know Deakota personally. I saw him in school every so often but moments like this make me wish I would have taken the opportunity to learn more about him. He had a bold personality and I really appreciated that about him. He wasn't afraid to be exactly who he was. Sending prayers for the family.

Natalya Haddix - April 09, 2021 at 07:00 PM

KE

“ Heather,
My goodness girl, I am so sorry to hear this. My heart hurts for you so much. I can't imagine the pain you feel. I pray you have people surrounding you during this time. I know times are tough and this is making it all together tougher. I encourage you to hold on to God, He will hold you and wipe all of your tears away. To all others reading this, I am so sorry for your loss. He was so young. It is so nice to read that he was baptized. God bless you all during this time of mourning.
Kelly

Kelly - April 09, 2021 at 05:59 PM

MB

“ He was a great young man, always had a smile, he will be missed!

Mike Berkshire - April 09, 2021 at 03:12 PM

AB

“ Andrea Berkshire lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle



Andrea Berkshire - April 09, 2021 at 03:11 PM

AB

“ I have quite a few great memories of Deakota.

For starters I can not think of a time that he did not have a smile on his face or bring one to the person he was next too! Such a great smile and outgoing person!

I chaperoned many class trips while my son Kyle was in school and if Doug was not on that trip Daekota would find a way to be in mine and Kyle's group. He was very clever and so much fun.

I remember one of the middle school dances he wanted to dance with my step daughter and she was not having it..but that did not stop him he'd ask every dance untill she gave in. They had a great time. He left that night a happy little man.

I loved those evenings that he showed up in youth at our church as well.

I am gonna miss running into him around town he always had a hug to give and a smile to share oh and an invite to stop by and see the changes he made to his car or just to pay him a visit. My sons Kyle and Zach have lots of stories they have shared with me from after school bus rides to great times at school. Im glad to have the memories I do and so are they ..you will be missed but never forgotten!



Andrea Berkshire - April 09, 2021 at 03:05 PM



Cynthia Ingle

Thank you so much Andrea for sharing this. It warms my heart. Thank you and your family for coming yesterday. :)

Cynthia Ingle - April 10, 2021 at 07:24 AM

MM

“ Will never forget Deakota riding his bike with no hands all the time. I thought it was the craziest thing ever! Prayers for your family ❤️

Macy Morgan - April 09, 2021 at 03:04 PM



LOL! Thanks for the memory Macy! I had forgotten this!

Cynthia Ingle - April 10, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.



April 09, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LM

“ Thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. We remember him mowing lawns for the neighbors and his wave and smile as he went by our house.

Louise Miller - April 09, 2021 at 12:58 PM



Thank you Louise for this memory! Yes, he did love to mow ... and some of our neighbors could've mowed their yards just fine on their own but chose to let Deakota mow because it gave him something to do and a little money in his pocket.:) Yesterday, I heard one of our neighbors say something like, "we didn't always make the right choice for our kids but growing up in this neighborhood was definitely the wise choice." I couldn't agree more.

Cynthia Ingle - April 10, 2021 at 07:29 AM

LM

“ Louise Miller lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle



Louise Miller - April 09, 2021 at 12:56 PM

WS

“ walta kahsay (Switzerland) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.



walta kahsay (Switzerland) - April 09, 2021 at 12:38 PM

BF

“ Bret Furtwengler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.



Bret Furtwengler - April 09, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.



April 09, 2021 at 12:02 PM

RE

“ Doug, Cynthia & Eli; Wishing that we could be there to help support and lift you up. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, now and in the coming days. We love you. Renae & Jon

Renae - April 09, 2021 at 11:46 AM

TiffanyOllie
Gephart

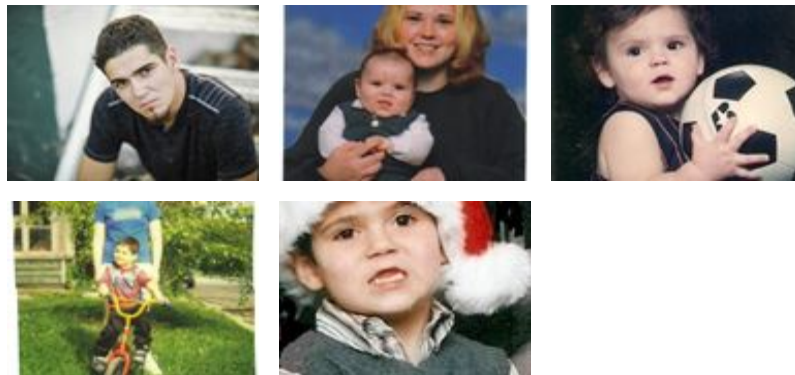
“ TiffanyOllie Gephart lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle



TiffanyOllie Gephart - April 09, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ 155 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - April 09, 2021 at 11:25 AM

MW

“ *Mechell Watkins lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle*



Mechell Watkins - April 09, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.*



April 09, 2021 at 07:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.*



April 08, 2021 at 10:27 PM

MF

“ *Michael, Laura, Austin, Lindsay & Tyler Fuori purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.*



Michael, Laura, Austin, Lindsay & Tyler Fuori - April 08, 2021 at 10:00 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry to hear the news of Deakota. He was very helpful to us when we moved here to Bluffton 5 years ago. When we traveled Deakota would mow our lawn. Eunice, Dan's mother who lived with us, was very appreciated of his kindness toward her when he mowed the lawn. One time he had a new mower and came while we were gone and mowed our lawn for free. He just wanted to use his mower. Eunice thought that was great for a teenager to do something for free! Eunice, Dan, and Jane Steffen want to let the family of Deakota know how sorry we are for their loss. May the Lord be their strength thru this very tough season of life.

Jane Steffen - April 08, 2021 at 08:53 PM

LW

I will always remember Deakota simultaneously riding his bike and holding on to his lawn mower as a young teenager to go mow lawns. I was so excited for him when he got his first truck so he could haul his lawn mower in the back. He was such a hard worker!

Lisa Weybright - April 09, 2021 at 10:17 AM

 Cynthia Ingle

Jane - Thanks for sharing as I had forgotten (or maybe never even knew this) this!
And Lisa - LOL! I had forgotten this as well. His bike and his mower! :)

Cynthia Ingle - April 10, 2021 at 07:31 AM

BN

“ Bickie Nguyen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.



Bickie Nguyen - April 08, 2021 at 07:03 PM

MM

“ There are just no words to describe the impact Deakota had on our youth ministry. It was such a amazing honor to seem him grow and mature over the 6 years we spent with him. Every time I hear the phrase “throat punch” I think of him. Lol

He took my phone at youth group one night and took like 20 selfie's! I always enjoyed our conversations. You taught us so much and I look forward to the day we see you again.



Michele Mechling - April 08, 2021 at 05:04 PM



Cynthia Ingle

You and Kevin have always been soooo good to Deakota and our family.

"Throat punch" - ha! I had forgotten this also. I had never heard of such a thing until Deakota said it! :)

He loved you guys! I rest in the fact that he chose to be baptized ... which can be mostly attributed to Kevin (and Jesus, of course)!

Cynthia Ingle - April 10, 2021 at 07:35 AM

AP

“ My heart is saddened and will always have a special place for him. He helped me and my girls out whenever needed. Always made time with no hesitation. He was the first person to greet me every night at work and always made sure to say goodbye. I might have been his boss but we considered each other good friends and got to know each other on a personal level. My team and I will forever miss his smile and forever upbeat jolly personality. We shared laughs, I made him homemade hot chocolate he introduced Animaniacs to my grandchildren, our cars got stuck in the snow so we pushed each other out, he helped fix our cars, which I was there to annoy him every step of the way. He could never pronounce my name correctly. I hear him everyday call my name Ondrea and I would always say Deakota it starts with an A not an O, it's Andrea. Over the year he worked for me he never got it right. I will miss that I will miss him. My heart goes out to his family. Know that he was loved by many people. He was a terrific young man. I'm honored to have known him.

Andrea Pulfer - April 08, 2021 at 02:40 PM



Thank you so much for sharing. He really enjoyed his work and the people. He would tell us stories. The most recent one of a bag of a hot pepper seasoning getting dropped, breaking open, and filling the air - folks having to go home from the air being so irritating they couldn't stop crying.

And mispronouncing your name made me laugh. 1) He was the worst at remembering people's name. 2) He went thru a phase when he would get quite irritated if it sounded like someone (me) was saying 'Dakota' instead of 'Deakota':.)

Thank you for your kind words.

Cynthia Ingle - April 09, 2021 at 06:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.*



April 08, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Joyce Huss lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle*



Joyce Huss - April 08, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.*



April 08, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Cynthia & Doug, So deeply sorry you have to go through a heartbreak like this. Sharing in your sorrow and keeping your family in our most caring prayers. I always enjoyed being in the company of Deakota.*

Patrick Scott - April 08, 2021 at 08:33 AM



Cynthia Ingle

Thank you Pat. I'm sad (for each of us) that we now share this similar sorrow and pain. Thank for your kind words.

Cynthia Ingle - April 09, 2021 at 06:26 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.*



April 08, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Maddie C lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle*



Maddie C - April 07, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. Todd, Leann, Eden and Noah Nash*



Leann Nash - April 07, 2021 at 08:31 PM

LT

“ I am so incredibly sorry to hear of your loss. Deakota had such a strong presence and such a winning smile to share in class and in the halls at school. He was so friendly. He so often shared stories about things he was working on and doing. Thinking of your family.
Lisa Tarr

Lisa Tarr - April 07, 2021 at 07:14 PM

RF

“ My youngest went to elementary and middle school with Deakota and many times he was in my group of boys on field trips, such a chatty happy lil guy. So sorry for your loss.

robin fillers - April 07, 2021 at 07:00 PM

DA

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to family and friends. 🙏🙏🙏



Doreen Ayers - April 07, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deakota Michael Ingle.



April 07, 2021 at 06:06 PM

HH

“ Heather Hughet lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle



Heather Hughet - April 07, 2021 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ Deepest Sympathy and love.

Tim Finley - April 07, 2021 at 04:01 PM

MB

“ Mike Berkshire lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle



Mike Berkshire - April 07, 2021 at 04:00 PM

JB

“ Jean And Ron Bowman lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle



Jean and Ron Bowman - April 07, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *The Ingle family will be in ours prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - April 07, 2021 at 01:12 PM



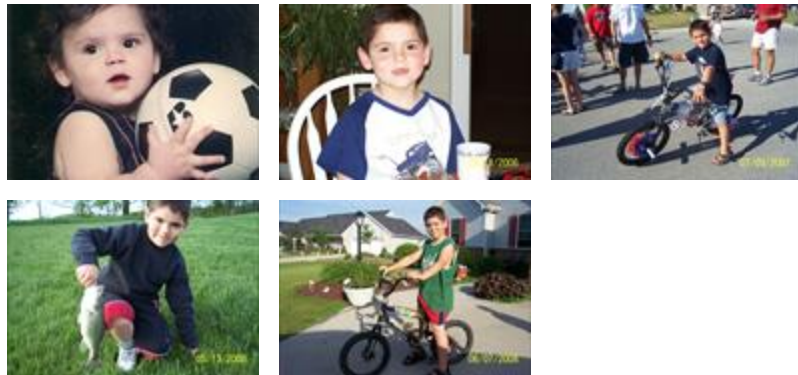
“ *Lisa Jack lit a candle in memory of Deakota Michael Ingle*



Lisa Jack - April 07, 2021 at 04:57 AM



“ *12 files added to the album Memories Album*



Doug Ingle - April 07, 2021 at 04:37 AM

JW

Doug and Cynthia, I was heart-broken to hear this horrible news. As a young child, I loved Deakota and loved working with him. I also admired you as loving, dedicated parents. In recent years, as I would occasionally see Dealota, he would ask, "Do you remember me?" He had this wide, beautiful smile and couldn't believe that "yes" Deakota, I will always remember you!

Jolin Whicker - April 07, 2021 at 02:33 PM

Cynthia Ingle

He always made me laugh when he was so surprised that his teachers remembered him years later. :) He/we was/were blessed throughout his Norwell years with AMAZING support and encouragement Mrs. Reinhard, you, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. DeRemer, Mrs. Yonker, Mrs. Thompson, Alan (janitor) ... I shouldn't name names because there are sooo many more in elementary, MS, and HS.

Cynthia Ingle - April 07, 2021 at 11:25 PM

JH

So sorry to hear about your loss. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Jody and Jody Holloway - April 08, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ Deakota, even though I only meet you Saturday at our car club's first meeting, I realized your love of the old cars and your potential to build and work on them. Even though our friendship was short, you will never be forgotten by me or the club that you were a valuable member of. Rest in peace my friend. Dan

Dan Shafer - April 06, 2021 at 10:47 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are for the entire family.

The Holloways - April 06, 2021 at 09:41 PM