



## Dean E. Archbold

December 20, 1941 - January 3, 2012

Dean E. Archbold, 70, of Bluffton passed away on Tuesday morning January 03, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Dean was born on December 20, 1941 in Adams County, Indiana to Harold E. & Wilma (Carnes) Archbold. He graduated from Ossian High School with the class of 1960. He was a very talented basketball player. It was during his junior year that he made the winning shot in overtime at the buzzer to beat Bluffton in the sectional in the Tiger Den. Dean went on to obtain his a degree in Accounting from International Business College in Fort Wayne. He worked for 25+ years at American Tool and Engineering in Fort Wayne before going to work at Roembke Manufacturing & Design where he worked for over 10 years prior to his retirement. After retirement, Dean enjoyed working as a part time groundskeeper at the Timber Ridge Golf Course.

On March 17, 1962 in Wells County, Dean married Patricia K. ( Bauermeister) Archbold. They have shared nearly 50 years together, she survives in Bluffton, along with a daughter Kimberly Fiechter of Bluffton and two sons Bret E. Archbold of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and Darin D. (wife Amy) Archbold of Fort Wayne. Dean was lovingly referred to as "Grandpa Dean" to 7 grandchildren; Andrea (husband Shay) Sliger of Fort Wayne, Kourtney Fiechter of Indianapolis, Nate E. Archbold of Ossian, Klay Fiechter of Bluffton and Jake, Paige & Taylor Archbold all of Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include a brother Lyle (wife Janelle) Archbold of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada and a sister Marilyn Lindquist of Farmington, Connecticut.

Calling Hours will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral Services will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday (January 6, 2012) at the The Chapel Church in Fort Wayne with additional calling from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at The Chapel. Pastor Rick Hawks will officiate. Memorials may be made in Dean's memory to Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House on Lutheran Hospital Campus or to Jeff Gordon's Children's Foundation, and should be made through the funeral home. Friends can send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Visitation

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's United Church of Christ Cemetery  
500 West 100 North  
Decatur, In

## Service

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's United Church of Christ Cemetery  
500 West 100 North  
Decatur, In

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dean E. Archbold*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dean E. Archbold*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear: Archbold Family,

*While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.*

*Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forver...." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.*

*If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here ([b.molina56@yahoo.com](mailto:b.molina56@yahoo.com)).*

*I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2012 at 12:17 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We pray and celebrate his life and thank him for bringing Kim into our fathers life. GOD BLESS.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bittner##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 11:51 PM



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*While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.*

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*Sincerey Yours,*

*Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##*

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January 13, 2012 at 03:29 PM



“ TO MY SWEET GRANDPA DEAN,

*I love you very much! It is soothing to know that you are up in heaven with God just having a blast! We all miss you down here!! I watched your funeral service last night with grandma. It was absolutely beautiful. You were a wonderful husband, dad, grandpa, and brother to all of us. Klay's letter said it all! I have learned so much from you that I will carry on to my children someday. Shay and I had a wonderful time in Mexico on our honeymoon. I pray that we have as many happy years together that you and grandma shared. See you in heaven someday! :)*

*Love You Always,  
Andrea##imported-begin##Andrea Sliger##imported-end##*

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January 12, 2012 at 09:44 AM



“ We just found about of Dean's death and wanted to let you know we were thinking of you. We enjoyed getting to know all of you with the activities Klay and Jake were in together.##imported-begin##Mike and Judy Ripperger##imported-end##

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January 10, 2012 at 03:23 PM



“ Our prayers are with you Pat, Kim, Bret, and Darin. Know Gods peace and comfort while you remember all the joy and fun you have with Dean. Love and peace to all.... Chuck and Linda (Updike) Tomlinson##imported-begin##Chuck and Linda (Updike) Tomlinson##imported-end##

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January 09, 2012 at 06:56 AM



“ *Patty Bret Kim and Darin: We are so sorry Dean will be missed, Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ed and Susie Decker##imported-end##*

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January 07, 2012 at 10:40 AM



“ *Pat and family, We were so sorry to hear about Dean. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Doyle & Laura Werling##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2012 at 07:35 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy for the entire Archbold family. It's so very difficult to lose someone so wonderful, and I pray that God heals the pain quickly. You're a great family, and I know you'll be there for one another.##imported-begin##Sara Israel##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2012 at 04:52 PM



“ *Godspeed, Grandpa Dean!!! Prayers sent to all of you as we know you are hurting and he will be missed!!! We love you!*

*Julie and Hannah##imported-begin##Julie Fiechter##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2012 at 03:54 PM



“ *What wonderful memories I have of Dean, Pat, and their loving family. Dean has left the marks of a great man upon his family, his work, his church, and his personal life... what a delight it has been to know him over many years!*

*It is with sadness I say, "Goodbye." But my "Goodbye must be attached to Great Hope!" For they that believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ have His marvelous gift - Life Everlasting! And with it Christian Hope.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all....*

*Dr. Franklin D. Garton, admirer, friend, and former pastor*###imported-begin###*Dr. Franklin D. Garton*###imported-end###

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January 05, 2012 at 03:19 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of Dean growing up in Indiana. My deepest condolences to all of you. Keep strong Darin:)*  
*Renee*###imported-begin###*Renee Adams-Gracia*###imported-end###

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January 05, 2012 at 02:07 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. We will always remember how much he adored his family and came to so many events to support them.*

*Love,*  
*Larry, Bonnie, Hannah and Riley Dickey*###imported-begin###*Larry & Bonnie Dickey*###imported-end###

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January 05, 2012 at 11:51 AM



“ Pat, I'm so sorry to hear Dean has gone to be with our Lord. I'm so glad you all have such a great faith. I've been able to get thru my life only because of our Lord. I have a heavy heart right now for you & your children, also the rest of our family. Although it's been years I do have some great memories of our younger years. I have been able to locate the funeral home by google. Cindy gave me the name etc when she called this afternoon (Wednesday), I was able to print off his obituary & send you my love, prayers, & thoughts. Cindy gave me your phone # so I will call you the 1st of the week. If you need to talk to help thru some tough times please do so. 7404540826. Don has been gone almost 9 yrs. We were married only 6 1/2 yrs, I still have times it comes back. It's normal to have these times. In addition to God you have a super support group all around. May God continue to be your rock. Much love, Dianne##imported-begin##Dianne (Smitley) Bridwell##imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 11:52 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss! Our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Terri, Sonja, Claudia, Mary Ann##imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 09:17 PM



“ Darin and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss my heart goes out to all of you. Your father was a great man and will be missed by all. I will always have fond memories of him.

My Deepest Sympathy  
Kim Shearer##imported-begin##Kim Shearer##imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 08:41 PM



“ *Pat, Kim, Brett & Darin*  
*Our deepest sympathy to your family during this difficult time.*  
*Mike & Sharice Bowen###imported-begin##Sharice*  
*Bowen###imported-end##*

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January 04, 2012 at 07:48 PM



“ *Dean will always be remembered as a kind and generous neighbor willing to help out with any task. We always appreciated his willingness to give of his time blowing the snow off our driveway or mowing our lawn when we were away without us even asking him. He was never a selfish man and he was always there to help out!! Our neighborhood will not be the same without him. He will certainly be missed and Pat you and your family will be in our prayers. God be with you and comfort you today and in the future.*  
*Our love and sympathy,*  
*Dick and Rita Everett###imported-begin##Richard and Rita*  
*Everett###imported-end##*

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January 04, 2012 at 03:19 PM



“ *Darin and Family - Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad. May wonderful memories carry you through this difficult time.*  
*Scott and Jenny Gilliam (Case) &*  
*Hannah, Kate, Veronica & Samantha###imported-begin##Jennifer*  
*Gilliam###imported-end##*

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January 04, 2012 at 02:45 PM



“ Dear Pat & family,  
Our sincere condolences to all of you. We continue to keep you in our prayers at this time. We will miss Dean greatly. See you on Friday.

Our love,  
Kent & Sandy##imported-begin##Kent & Sandy  
Bainbridge##imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 12:07 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Archbold family.

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,  
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.

Friends of Marilyn Archbold Lindquist,  
Debbie & Glenn Rubadou - Florida##imported-begin##Debbie  
Rubadou##imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 11:02 AM



“ Dear Marilyn, Andrew and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your fond memories of Dean help you at this time difficult time.

With love,  
Jackie, Steve and Jenna##imported-begin##Jackie, Steve and  
Jenna Himmelfarb##imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 09:25 AM



“ To our dear friend Marilyn and the Archbold family, we are deeply saddened for the loss of your brother Dean. Having met Dean on a couple of occasions we could sense the love and closeness between you. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.  
Jody, Steve,  
Stephen and Ryan Viola###imported-begin###Jody and Steve Viola###imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 09:23 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the family and our heavy heartfelt thoughts go out to all during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Gail & Bud Nemec###imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 08:46 AM



“ He is in the arms of Jesus but our parents are there patting him on the back & welcoming him home.  
love you all###imported-begin###Claudia Reed###imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.###imported-begin###Lynne Ramer###imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 07:37 AM