



## Deborah K. Massey

September 9, 1952 - December 18, 2025

Deborah K. Massey, 73 of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday morning, December 18, 2025, at her residence in Bluffton.

Debbie was born on September 9, 1952, in Bluffton, Indiana to Irvin & Betty (Holmes) Nicholson. A lifelong resident of Wells County, she graduated from Bluffton High School in 1970.

She worked for 29 years at Kitco Co. in Bluffton.

Debbie married Alvin "Al" D. Massey on January 20, 1979, in Wells County, and he preceded her in death on May 6, 2019.

After Debbie and Al retired, they enjoyed traveling all across the country together. Even after Al passed, Debbie continued her traveling, and made many special memories with her daughter, Lisa.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Small of Bluffton and three grandchildren; Spencer (Mariah) Massey, Jase (Justine) Small and Taylor Small, along with two great-grandchildren; Emma & Brooks Massey.

She is also survived by two sisters: Linda (Jay) Russ and Marcia Gregg, both of Fort Wayne and a brother, Daniel Nicholson of Ossian, along with several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1 P.M. on Monday, (Dec. 22, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Jeff Lemler officiating. Calling hours will be held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Monday, prior to the service. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the Wells County Foundation for the Spay &

Neuter Clinic or to Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
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<http://www.thomarich.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah K. Massey*

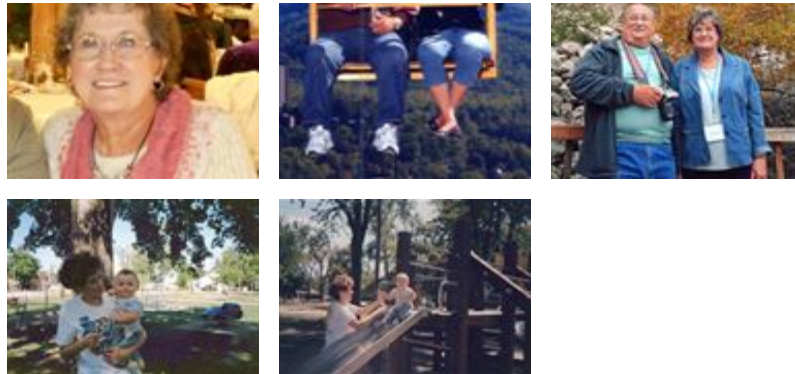


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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - December 22, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *118 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - December 21, 2025 at 12:57 PM

TH

*Lisa I will miss her forever. She always had a smile every day when we was at Kitco it was fun working with her. I will miss her and our friendship*

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**Tammi K Helm** - December 29, 2025 at 12:06 PM

BM

“ I remember her from school. She was very quiet and shy. Even though she lived two blocks north of me our paths did not cross much. But what I do remember is that she was kind to all. May God grant you and your family his peace and comfort. Barry McCune

Barry L McCune - December 20, 2025 at 10:09 AM

TW

“ Twibell's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Deborah K. Massey.



Twibell's - December 20, 2025 at 09:09 AM

TW

“ Twibell's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah K. Massey.

Twibell's - December 20, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah K. Massey.



December 20, 2025 at 08:28 AM

SG

“ Lisa, my condolences to you. Moms are so important in our lives no matter what age we are.  
I know you will miss her smile for a really long time.  
Blessings on you.

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**Sue Girod** - December 19, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JP

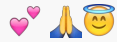
“ Deb and I grew up 1 block apart, both of us across from Washington Park. We made leaf forts in the park, climbed the monkey bars and played with our dolls together. She was so easy to be with and amazed that every year I remembered her birthday. What a beautiful soul.

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**Jackie Pond Paulsel** - December 19, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MH

The three of us definitely have special memories to hold to our hearts



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**Marcia Hernandez** - December 19, 2025 at 10:06 PM

RM

“ Debbie was my second Mom. Whenever I would see her she would say Hello daughter. She lit up a room just being in it. Her smile and laugh was so infectious. She had a kind heart and beautiful soul. I will miss her terribly. Our loss is Heavens gain!!

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**Robin Miller** - December 18, 2025 at 05:07 PM

TS

“ I went through Jr High and High School with Debbie. She was quiet in crowds but was always kind. At our current age, we don't remember everyone we went to school with. When we do it is because we were touched in some way. Her kindness was unforgettable. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Tooter (Miller) Studebaker** - December 18, 2025 at 02:34 PM

TS

“ Tooter (Miller) Studebaker lit a candle in memory of Deborah Massey



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**Tooter (Miller) Studebaker** - December 18, 2025 at 02:28 PM

MC

“ we've loved this family for several years ,i'll never forget her kind soul, 4 th of july's were always fun . we are going to miss this fantastic wonderful lady so much ,

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**michael and chris coratti** - December 18, 2025 at 01:43 PM