

## Donald L. Croy

May 29, 1933 - October 30, 2021

Donald L. Croy 88, of Vera Cruz passed away Saturday morning October 30, 2021 at River Terrace Estates. Don was born May 29, 1933, in Wells County to Clarence O. and Geneva Lucile (Gifford) Croy. Don was a 1951 Graduate of Bluffton High School.

Don served his country in the U.S. Army, during the Korean Conflict. He owned and operated Croy Machine Shop in Vera Cruz for 25 Years, where he worked for 50 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 111, and a member of the Six Mile Church where he served as trustee. Don was a former member of the Optimist Club, served on the Area Plan Commission and on the Vera Cruz town Board. He spent many winters in Sarasota Bay RV Park in Bradenton, FL, where he was active in the park wood shop, and community activities.

On June 20, 1953, in Bluffton, Don married Phyllis Ann (Courtney). She preceded him in death on February 23, 2011.

On August 28, 2012 Don and Virginia A. (Okuly) Hunnicutt were married. Survivors include his wife Virginia A. Croy of Vera Cruz, two daughters, Jill Diane Conley of Vera Cruz, Cheryl Ann (Larry) Andrew of Fort Wayne, a son-in-law Kent Park of Bluffton, a brother Jerry Croy of Fort Wayne, four grandchildren, Mikel Taylor, Chris Conley, Justin Park, Mackenzie Leyman, along with a great -grandson Carter Conley.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Phyllis Ann Croy, a daughter Penny Sue Park, a son-in-law Doug Conley, two sisters Pauline

“Polly” Dubach and Judy Ann Cotton.

Visitation hours will be from 4pm – 8pm Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Funeral Services will be at 11am Friday, November 5, 2021 at the Six Mile Church with Steve Studebaker officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. There will be military rites provided by the U.S. Army and American Legion Post 111.

Memorials may be made to the church.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Six Mile Church  
4796 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Six Mile Church  
4796 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN 46714



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald L. Croy*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - November 04, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Donald L. Croy*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Cheryl and Jill, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing in October. Since I am not in the Wells area anymore, I don't always hear of things like this. Just know that your dad is in a better place, there is no pain or issues that he was dealing with at the end. My God continue to keep his arms wrapped around off of you. Just know that when your dad got to the pearlie gates, your mom and sister were waiting with open arms. I'm sure my parents were right there with their hugs and memory lane....*

*Blessing to all of you*

*Jennifer Jesse  
(Bill and Pat Jesse's Daughter)*

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**Jennifer Jesse** - January 31, 2022 at 03:13 PM

CD

“ To the family, You have our deepest sympathy on your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ed & Celia Dunmoyer

Celia Dunmoyer - November 08, 2021 at 09:44 AM

MG

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to Uncle Jerry, Virginia and Jill and Cheryl and families. So many memories of Uncle Don woven into our lives.

Mary Lou Gentis - November 05, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 04, 2021 at 06:49 PM

KH

“ To Ann and family, My sincere sympathy in the loss of Donald.



Karen Hunnicutt - November 04, 2021 at 12:55 PM

CH

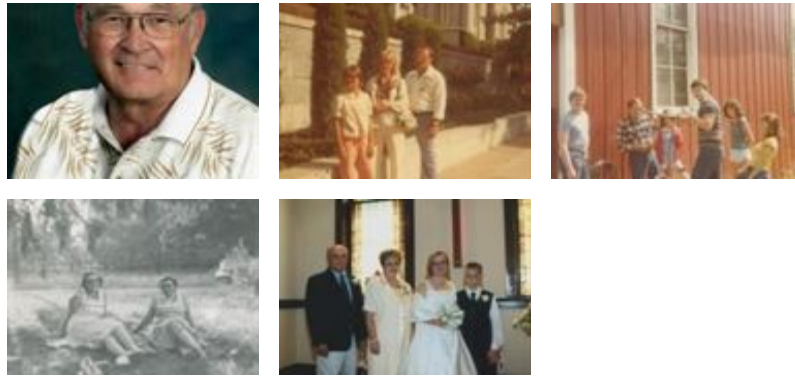
“ *Christine And Dan Hunt lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Croy*



Christine and Dan Hunt - November 03, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *93 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 03, 2021 at 04:33 PM

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“ *It was always sweet to hear Virginia call him her 'Knight in Shining Armor and to hear him call her his 'Curly-haired Angel' even throughout his illness! Their love for each other was so special!*

Pastor H.F. & Scherry Cox (VCFWC) - November 02, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald L. Croy.*



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November 02, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of Don's passing. He is greatly missed by the Paradise Bay group. Don took the time to keep the wood shop running and teach everyone how to do different wood workings. As A social group would have outings and dinners with Don, Phyllis and later Virginia. We do miss him very much as a friend and as a mentor.*

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**Dave & Colleen Wainio** - November 02, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Don's passing. Don took the time to talk to you. We had many pleasant visits at the shop or on the street. He will be greatly missed. Don's service to Wells Co was much appreciated. The Croy family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



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**Dan Gerdom** - October 31, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss Jill, Cheryl and families. Losing a loved one is something we can never totally prepare for. Hugs, prayers, comfort and peace to you. Toni, Deb, Renee and our family*

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**Deb King** - October 31, 2021 at 06:56 PM

CA

*Thank you so much for the warm thoughts. In our lives we have a number of turns and changes, it is nice to know that people remember the good times and the love that was shared. You all mean so much to Mikel, as did his Grandpa. Thank you so much.*

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**Cheryl Andrew** - November 01, 2021 at 10:30 AM

BH

*“ Jerry, so sorry to hear of Don’s passing. Harris & I have such fond memories of the great time we spent together with you & Don. Our deepest condolences.*

*Bob & Bonnie Harris.*

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**Bonnie Harris** - October 31, 2021 at 03:00 PM