



## Donald W. Langel

July 7, 1958 - June 8, 2019

Donald W. Langel, 60, of Decatur passed away on Saturday afternoon, June 8, 2019, at Adams Woodcrest of Decatur.

He was born on July 7, 1958 in Bluffton to William Kenton Langel and Phyllis Jane (Barnett) (Langel) Pease. A 1976 graduate of Southern Wells High School, Donald attended Purdue University and studied Communications. He enjoyed working as a board operator at the local radio stations in Lafayette and Bluffton. Donald served our country in the United States Army for 3 years, serving in Germany.

Donald could be described as a planner and a dreamer that always wanted to make a difference. He continues to make a difference even in death by donating his body to I.U. Medical Center. He was a constant learner and loved trivia. Spending time with family was very important to him. He was a member in the NRA and AARP, and wanted his voice heard so others could benefit.

Donald also enjoyed reading, riding his bike and could easily be found with a Rubik Cube in his hands. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Decatur.

Survivors include his mother Phyllis Pease of Bluffton along with siblings; Timothy (Linda) Langel of Berne, Sarah (Jonathan) Stutzman of Berne, Catherine (Kelley) Householder of Bluffton, Beth (Carl) Waterman of Coatesville, and stepsisters; Gloria (Noel) Phegley Columbia City, and Janet (Herb) Heyerly, Bluffton Indiana. He is also survived by 3 nieces & nephews; Bradley, Amanda & Melissa and 4 great-nieces & nephews; Samuel, Chelcie,

Emma and Benjamin.

He is preceded in death by his father, and stepfather John Pease.

A service to celebrate Donald's life will be held at 11 A.M. on Wednesday (June 12, 2019) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with calling hours held from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M., prior to the service. Memorials may be made to MDA Association.

The family would like to thank the staff of Adams Woodcrest in Decatur and Family Lifecare for all their kindness during Donald's care.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 12, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Donald W. Langel*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I just learned of Don's passing. I spent many hours talking to Donald when he was a student at Southern Wells. He loved to talk and discuss challenges of the day!!! My condolences to the family. Sally Mittlestedt*

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**Sally Mittlestedt** - June 26, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *Phyllis and family, Deb and I wish to send our condolences in the passing of Don. We pray that God comforts you not only now but in the days and weeks to come.*

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**Kent Shady** - June 11, 2019 at 11:34 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home** - June 11, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Phyllis, Sarah, Tim, Cathy and Beth and extended family...so sorry to hear of Don's passing and know that he is in good hands now. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Makaye (Stout) and Howard Vaughn*

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**Makaye and Howard Vaughn** - June 10, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ *Gloria and Janet, Sending sympathy to you and your families. God bless. Valerie Wilson Jackson*

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**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - June 09, 2019 at 11:06 PM