



## Donald E. Davis

June 22, 1920 - February 4, 2010

Donald E. Davis, 89, of Poneto, died at 9:55 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at River Terrace Estates. Mr. Davis owned and operated Davis Drilling for many years, drilling his first oil well at the age of 19 in Wells County. He drilled oil wells all over the country and helped discover the oil field in Hillsdale, Mich. Oil drilling was his life's passion.

He also farmed in Wells County for more than 50 years. He attended eight grades of school at Poneto and graduated in 1939 from Bluffton High School. Mr. Davis was born June 22, 1920, in Poneto, to Arch Davis and Dale Buckner Davis. He married Martha Courtney Nov. 11, 1942, in Marion; his wife died Nov. 7, 2008. Also surviving are two daughters, Gloria (Merlin) Dohrman of Keystone and Cynthia Cassell, and five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and a sister, Frances Marion Walsh. Calling will be from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Cliff Rush officiating.

Burial will be in a private mausoleum at Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Animal Shelter in care of the Wells County Foundation. Online condolences: [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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

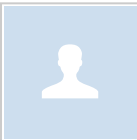


Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donald E. Davis*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

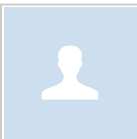


“ *Cindy, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He meant alot to me....I always looked forward to him coming into the travel agency and we would talk for hours. He had such a rich and full life and the stories he told never got boring! He always treated everyone with respect...no matter who or where they came from. Write me sometime.*

*Love ya*

*Deb###imported-begin##Deb Smart###imported-end##*

February 11, 2010 at 09:27 AM



“ *Gloria and Cindy,*

*I was so sorry to hear about the death of your dad. He was a wonderful man. I have many great memories of spending time with your dear family. Larry loved you all very much. I appreciate the way that your grandparents and parents made me feel a welcome part of the family.*

*Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Mary, Paul, James & Chris Courtney###imported-begin##Mary Courtney Sorensen###imported-end##*

February 09, 2010 at 12:21 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss Cindy, you and your family are in my prayers!  
Becky###imported-begin###Rebecca (Roop) Schlichter###imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 11:03 AM



“ I would like to thank Donald for giving our family the opportunity to train horses at the track. I have many fond memories that I will always cherish and never forget.  
Godspeed,  
Scott Newell###imported-begin###Scott Newell###imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 08:38 AM



“ My thoughts are with your family .Even though it has been years since I had seen your Dad, memories come back. Muzzelloading target event in the woods by the race track. I'm also sorry about the passing of your mother, grandmother.###imported-begin###Cynthia (Biberstine) Hickey###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 08:44 PM