



Doyle R. Stern

June 12, 1932 - January 16, 2020

Doyle Robert Stern, 87 of Bluffton passed away on Thursday morning, January 16, 2020 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Doyle was born on June 12, 1932 in Huntington County, Indiana to Arthur Lloyd & Ester M. (Emley) Stern. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1950 and was the owner/operator of Stern's Auto Body Repair for 45 years, retiring in 1995. He was a Scout Leader for Troop 150 in Bluffton, a member and past president of the Bluffton Rotary Club along with serving on the Lancaster Township Advisory Board for 12 years.

Doyle married the love of his life Carol N. (Barger) Stern on September 7, 1952 in Bluffton and they celebrated 67 years together. They spent their lives raising their sons, enjoying friends and family, and supporting their community. As a loyal and lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church for over 74 years, he participated in numerous mission trips travelling throughout the United States, Africa and Jamaica. He was handy and skilled in many things and never met a challenge he couldn't conquer.

As an avid sports fan, Doyle looked forward to cheering on his Dodgers and Purdue Boilermakers at every opportunity. He knew everything about automobiles and there wasn't one he couldn't repair.

Survivors include his wife Carol of Bluffton along with children; Tim R. (Libby) Stern of Rockford, MI., Mark N. (Suzanne) Stern of Kewanee, IL and 4 grandchildren; Glen (Alexis) Stern of Detroit, Adam (Erin) Stern of Pittsburg, Ashley (Kyle) Morey of Geneseo, IL and Ali Stern of Atkinson, IL.

Doyle is also survived by his siblings; Ronald W. (Sandy) Stern of Indianapolis, Diane Tayrien of Orlando, FL and in-laws, Barbara Barger of Bluffton and Cora Barger of Decatur.

Doyle is preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd (Joan) Stern.

Funeral services for Doyle will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday (Jan. 20, 2020) at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Rev. Larry Ray and Rev. Sherrie Drake will officiate. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Sunday (Jan. 19, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made in Doyle's memory to the First United Methodist Church or Family LifeCare of Berne or Wells County Boys & Girls Club.

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.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 20. 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Doyle R. Stern*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 19, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *Doyle R. Stern*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Carol, I was saddened to hear about Doyle. I send my condolences to ;you and the rest of your family.. I hope our paths will cross again.*
Dean Decker

R Dean Decker - January 18, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *91 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 18, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about Doyle - our sincere condolences to you, Carol, to Tim, to Mark, and to family. We will always remember the good times. George and Nina and our family.*

George and Nina - January 18, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doyle R. Stern.*



January 18, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Doyle R. Stern.*



January 18, 2020 at 08:03 AM

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“ *I roundly remember many “Happy Days” at the Stern home in North Oaks. I put a lot of miles on my bike visiting. Mrs. Stern, Tim and Mark you are in my prayers at this difficult time.*

Tim Ormsby - January 17, 2020 at 07:52 PM

DR

“ *My sincerest condolences to Carol, Tim, Mark and family.*
D. Rich

D. Rich - January 17, 2020 at 10:15 AM

BW

“ *I was saddened to hear of Doyle’s death, yet pleased to remember him, as well as his lovely wife Carol. Feeling grateful to have known him, and wishing his family well in their grief and remembering. He was such a fine man!*
Bernie Wiebe

Bernie Wiebe - January 16, 2020 at 10:36 PM

EW

“ *I’m so sorry for your loss. Elaine Wells, Nurse at Family Life Care*

Elaine Wells - January 16, 2020 at 10:09 PM

DG

“ So sorry to learn of Doyle’s passing. He was a soft spoken guy with a heart of gold. Always working hard with a big smile. He will be missed. The Stern family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - January 16, 2020 at 02:33 PM