



## Dr. B.K. Poindexter, D.D.S.

November 8, 2020

Dr. Byron Kay (B.K.) Poindexter, D.D.S. 86, of Bluffton passed away, Sunday, November 8, 2020 at Parkview Hospital - Dupont in Fort Wayne, IN. B.K. was born in Sandborn, IN on December 27, 1933 to Ives Theodore and Hattie McBride Poindexter. He married Patricia Gayle Hunley in Linton, IN on June 20, 1954. They were married for 66 years.

Dr. Poindexter graduated in 1958 from the Indiana University School of Dentistry, Indianapolis. Before their marriage, B.K. and Patty were students at IU-Bloomington, where both of their daughters also earned their degrees. They enjoyed their undergraduate years in Bloomington immensely. Dr. and Mrs. Poindexter also served on the Parents Board for Hillsdale college in Hillsdale, MI, where their sons both attended college.

After their marriage, they moved to Indianapolis, where Dr. B.K. attended dental school. Upon his graduation, he moved to Bluffton, whereupon, he began his practice spanning 58 years.

Dr. B.K. was very civic-minded and generous with his time. He was actively involved in the following organizations: Member of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, serving on the Pastor Parish Committee and he also taught high school and adult Sunday school classes as his children were growing. He was a member of Isaac Knapp Dental Society, Greene County Shrine, Bluffton Masonic Lodge #145, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, BPO Elks Lodge #796, Bluffton Lions Club, Wells County Historical Society, he served as the President of Wells County Crippled

Children's Society and was on the original Wells County Board of Health. In his youth, he was active in the Boy Scouts where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout, an accolade of which he was very proud.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and one remaining sister, Linda Dee Woodruff (Arthur) of Linton, IN. They had four wonderful children, who also survive: Devon Willey (Don) of Celina, OH; Clay Poindexter (Joan) and Blake Poindexter (Lauriean), both of Bluffton, IN; and Gay Willits (Barry) of Scottsdale, AZ; seven grandchildren: Carson Willey (Katie) of Beaver Creek, OH; Michael Wood (Shelly) of Bluffton, IN; Chelsea Poindexter of Bluffton, IN, Nick, Chet and Cal Willits of Scottsdale, AZ. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Tate Willey.

Due to COVID-19, an immediate, private family funeral has been held at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with private burial at Elm Grove Cemetery following services.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to The First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, IN and the Wells County Boys and Girls Club.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. B.K. Poindexter, D.D.S.*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I just happened upon this I'm so sorry for your loss Clay and family. The few times i was welcomed in your home B.K. will always be in my thoughts as a loving kind man to a young girl from Boston who was just finding her way in life. God bless Patty i hope your all well.*

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**Rita Chalifoux Johnson** - April 04, 2022 at 09:08 PM

BG

“ To all of the Poindexter Family, We are so sorry to hear of Doc's passing. He was one of a kind! When Marion had some dental work done and needed some advice one weekend, we called but he and Pat were in Michigan visiting Blake at college, but Clay called doc and told him of the problem, and yes, doc called Marion from Michigan! That is the kind of Dentist/Friend that he was. The last time I saw him was in Dr. Ueber's office in Fort Wayne. BK had referred us there when he was no longer practicing. Dr. Ueber told me that BK was just down the hall and said "let's play a prank on him" and then he gave me a hammer and took me to the room that doc was waiting to be treated. We walked in and I said "I hear there is a patient in here that needs some extensive dental treatment" and BK opened his eyes and you can imagine the look on his face and the fun that Dr. Ueber was having! My Mother, Brother, sister-in-law, sister, husband, son and I were all patients of BK's and not only that, he was our friend .Our lives are richer for having known Dr. Poindexter. Blessings to all.  
Marion, BJ, and Scott Gray



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**BJ Gray** - November 28, 2020 at 02:24 PM

JW

“ Dr. B.K. was the best, most generous and kindest boss I ever worked with/for and I have had several. Sincerest sympathy to Patty and family. Joyce Warthman.

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**joyce warthman** - November 25, 2020 at 04:44 PM

CM

*“Patty, Devon, Clay, Blake, Gay, and Family Wayne and I were saddened to hear of BKs passing. We considered him a friend as well as a dentist. He was kind and willing to come on call when you needed him. Last time I saw him was at Dr. Ueber's office, after B.K.'s retirement, and he remarked that I was "looking good". Whether true or not, it was so nice to hear, and I'm sure he sincerely meant it. He will be missed by many in the community including me. We have been thinking about you're whole family during this sad, sad time.  
Cindy and Wayne*



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**Cindy Monticue** - November 23, 2020 at 12:09 PM

KS

*“He pulled my first tooth and gave me my first diamond when I was five. When I was 30 changed my frown too a grin with beautiful crowns. He talked some trash just like my dad, but always apoke dearly about the wife that he had...Patty!*

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**Kris kline Scheiber** - November 22, 2020 at 02:31 AM



VB

*“I am sending my condolences to the Poindexter family. I was so sad to hear of your loss. I was a patient of his for over 40 years until he retired. He was always kind and made me laugh. He will be missed greatly.*

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**Vicki Brown** - November 21, 2020 at 05:40 PM

CH

“ I can't begin to tell you how sad I was to hear of Doc's passing. He was such a sweetheart . He was so kind to my parents. We often travelled down memory lane of southern Indiana. And when I had my accident, he patiently put me back together assuring me that it would take time but that I would be able to smile again. Nine months later, true to his word, there was no evidence of my smashed face. He was truly gifted. Much Love  to all of your family. Christine and Dan Hunt



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**Christine and Dan Hunt** - November 20, 2020 at 11:20 PM

SG

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Dr B.K. Poindexter. He was our dentist for many years. He always had a smile and kind word for everyone he met. In sympathy,  
Stan and Cindy Geisel

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**Stanley and Cynthia Geisel** - November 20, 2020 at 09:53 PM

MM

“ Always the best, sorely missed. BK!

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**Max & Marsha Mueller** - November 19, 2020 at 09:19 PM

BG

“ what a nice man and dentist. if you had a dental emergency he would go out of his way to help with the hurt. brought apples to the post office around Christmas when i was working there..he will be missed by me. God bless!

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**brent gerber** - November 18, 2020 at 11:27 PM

TG

“ To the Poindexter family I am so sorry for your loss. BK was my dentist until I left Bluffton. He was a sweet and very caring person. I can not even tell you the times he came into his office on weekends or in the middle of the night to help me or my family.

Tess (Perry) Garrett - November 18, 2020 at 10:15 PM

SK

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Poindexter's passing. He was our dentist for many years. Always enjoyed our visits each time we were there for an appt. We considered him a friend. He always went above and beyond with his care. We also shared a love for the stained glass lamps we each purchased from a Florida friend! He will be missed. Love and prayers as you journey on without him.

Steve and Jan Kaehr - November 18, 2020 at 07:42 PM

FL

“ From Sprunger & Sprunger | Attorneys at Law purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dr. B.K. Poindexter, D.D.S..



From Sprunger & Sprunger | Attorneys at Law - November 18, 2020 at 10:16 AM

KT

“ KEIVN &julia TAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Dr. B.K. Poindexter, D.D.S.



KEIVN &julia TAYLOR - November 17, 2020 at 11:40 PM

JP

“ BK always made us feel like one of his family. Stepping into his office, he would peak out and greet all his patients waiting for him from time to time. He constantly ran three dental chairs and provided a beautiful view out the windows while we waited. He loved a good joke. I am so glad he got to have some time in retirement from his practice and enjoy his Patty, and his children and family. BK was a one of a kind Doctor and I am blessed to have spent so many years as my family dentist. God Bless, Janet



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**Janet Parson** - November 17, 2020 at 10:42 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Doc’s passing. Believe my parents were some of his first patients and I was a patient my entire life until his retirement. Great Dentist, but even a greater person!!! Will be missed but not forgotten. Because of God’s mercy and Jesus’ sacrifice we will meet again. Prayers and thoughts to his family. Sincerely, Jan Maller

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**Jan Maller** - November 17, 2020 at 07:28 PM

RS

“ To the Poindexter Family please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all. My deepest sympathies

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**Rina Stuck** - November 17, 2020 at 06:31 PM

MS

“ Peter and I have many fond memories of the whole Poindexter family from our time in Bluffton. BK added much to the Bluffton community and I can't begin to imagine how much his entire family will miss him. We send our sincerest sympathy to you all. Marcia Schmeckeber

Marcia Schmeckeber - November 17, 2020 at 03:46 PM

BU

“ Bob and Sue Ueber purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Dr. B.K. Poindexter, D.D.S..



Bob and Sue Ueber - November 17, 2020 at 02:04 PM

BU

“ Our condolences to all the Poindexter family from the Ueber's. I always knew BK as a kind hearted and generous man, and someone who helped me out in my practice. BK and Patty also did a hell of a job raising great children, all who continued to be a very close knit family. I also think BK probably kept Paul out of jail. In all seriousness, it was my great honor and privelege to know BK and to be part of his family. Best to Patty, Devon, Gay, Clay, and Blake. Hang in there and keep the faith, he will be missed by many. Bob and Sue Ueber

Bob Ueber - November 17, 2020 at 01:54 PM

LT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Dr. Poindexter was my dentist for many years and always took very good care of me.

Linda Toole - November 17, 2020 at 01:17 PM

HF

“ Our condolences to the Poindexter family from John and Helen Fisher.

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**Helen Fishet** - November 17, 2020 at 11:36 AM

JP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Dr. Poindexter was our first dentist when we had just moved to Bluffton 25 yrs. ago. He welcomed us to town and was always so kind and helpful. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.  
Sincerely, Jim and Joan Phelps

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**Joan Phelps** - November 17, 2020 at 09:14 AM

EH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of this..He was a great man and I enjoyed the years I got to work for him before his retirement. Loving family and he always took care of everyone. Prayers during this difficult time.

*Etta Harris*

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**Etta Harris** - November 16, 2020 at 10:31 PM

RK

“ My condolences!! I appreciated his friendship and know he will be missed!  
Bob Kaylor

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**Robert Kaylor** - November 16, 2020 at 09:28 PM

TF

“ *Trudy And Fred lit a candle in memory of Dr. B.K. Poindexter, D.D.S.*



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**Trudy and Fred** - November 16, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DB

“ *Doc was one of the finest men I ever met. Kind, funny, generous, and wise only begin to describe him. He will be greatly missed!! The Poindexter family will always have a place in my heart.*

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**Doyle Brickey** - November 16, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *My husband, Duane Nodine, always enjoyed his visits with BK. When we got married in 1974 the Poindexter family gave us the 1974 Hummel plate which started my immense collection. Duane would always laugh and blame BK for a hutch full of Hummels!!! When Duane first came to Bluffton in 1973, BK welcomed him generously. I still have the beautiful silver lighter he gave him when Duane opened his dental practice in Bluffton. I am so sorry for the loss of this kind and generous man. I am sending my sincere condolences to the whole family, but I know Duane greeted him warmly on the other side. Fritz Nodine*

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**Fritzi Nodine** - November 16, 2020 at 05:58 PM

KS

“ To the Poindexter family, I am so sorry for your loss. I truly believe when he retired from his practice it was a true loss to the Bluffton and Wells County communities. I enjoyed being a lifelong patient of his because we would voice opinions on subjects to each other. I believe one thing missing in his obituary, is that he was not only generous with his time but with his finances to projects in the community.

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**Kent Shady** - November 16, 2020 at 05:06 PM

PN

“ So very sorry for your loss. Dr. Poindexter was one of the kindest people I ever knew.



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**PAM NIXON** - November 16, 2020 at 05:05 PM