

## Earl DeWayne "Wayne" Meeks

October 3, 1955 - June 17, 2025

Earl DeWayne "Wayne" Meeks, 69 of Fort Wayne passed away on Tuesday evening, June 17, 2025, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Wayne was born on October 3, 1955 in Manchester, TN to Earl DeWitt and Alice LaDean Meeks. He graduated from Grundy County High School. Auto Body Repair was Wayne's passion He loved fixing up cars and "making them pretty again." He loved working on motorcycles and watching sports, especially football and racing. Above all else, Wayne loved spending time with his family, especially his pride and joy, his grandchildren.

Survivors include his children; Kevin Meeks and Jason (Hannah) Meeks, all of Ohio, and Kearstin Meeks of Bluffton. He was a proud Grandpa to four grandchildren; Gabby, Danelia, Ellie Mae and Remini. He will be remembered by his siblings Diane Bess, Donna (Tommy) Cunningham, Danny "Michael" Meeks and Peggy Darlene Meeks, all of Tracy City, TN., and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and infant brother, Ricky Meeks and a brother-in-law, Bodie Bess.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, June 23, 2025 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will take place on Monday, June 23, 2025 from 12 Noon until the time of the service.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 23.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**JUN 23.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl DeWayne "Wayne" Meeks*

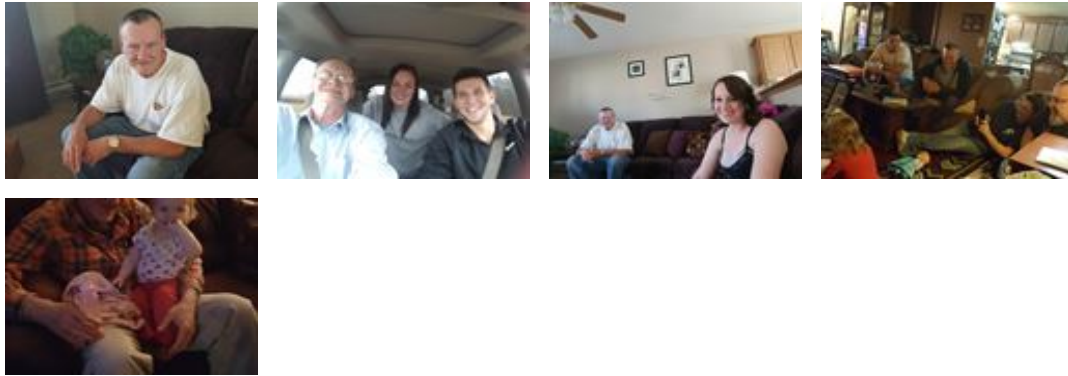


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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 23, 2025 at 01:08 PM



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 22, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ *I am Wayne's first cousin. Our Mothers were sisters. Wayne used to come to our house almost every day when he was just a little boy. He was also very close to my younger brother. They played together growing up and worked at the body shop together. I haven't seen Wayne in years. My heartfelt condolences go out to his children and family. Rest in peace, Wayne. Love, Sissy. Coalmont, TN .*

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**Doris Nunley** - June 20, 2025 at 11:51 PM