

## Edward "Ed" C Davis

October 13, 1932 - December 24, 2016

Edward "Ed" C. Davis, 84, of Bluffton passed away at 8:23 a.m. Saturday, December 24, 2016, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Ed was born on October 13, 1932 in Fort Wayne to Edward Robert Davis and Hilda (Dilts) Davis. He graduated from Akron High School in 1951, and completed certificate programs at Purdue University.

Beginning in 1955, he served in Akron and later Mentone as superintendent and town marshal with responsibilities for water, streets, sewage and police. In 1964, he was appointed water commissioner in Bedford and served there until 1967, when he was appointed district superintendent for Indiana Cities Water Corporation in the communities of New Albany, Jeffersonville and Clarksville.

Ed came to Bluffton in 1968 to start his 42 years of service as the Bluffton Utilities Water Supt. and later also as the Electric Supt., retiring in 2010. He was recognized throughout the state for his expertise in water and electric utilities. He received the Dr. John N. Hurty Award from the Northeast District of the American Water Works Association. He was an active member of the American Water Works Association and was awarded the Indiana Sections "Water Wheel" award in 1979 for outstanding utility and association accomplishments. In 1991, Ed was awarded "Life Membership" in the

American Water Works Association for 50 years of service.

His faith and Christian service throughout his life was very important to him and his family. He taught adult Sunday school classes most of his adult life and was an active member of Grace Baptist Church in Bluffton.

On March 12, 1953 in Gilead, Indiana, Ed and Marjorie (Thompson) Davis were married. They shared 53 years together before she preceded him in death on March 26, 2006.

Ed is survived by four children: Robert F. (Remdios) Davis of Bluffton, Douglas L. (Susan) Davis of Adrian, MO, Sherri R. (Ted) Harter and Andrew T. (Cindy) Davis, both of Bluffton.

He was a loving "PaPaw" to 9 grandchildren: Rachel Davis, Sarah (Jim) Davis, Nathan Davis, Drew (Megan) Davis, Faith (Matthew) Hutchens, Luke (Teresa) Davis, Thad (Allison) Harter, Benjamin Davis and Tory Harter as well as 3 great-grandchildren: Evelyn, Stellen and Malakai Davis.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday (December 27, 2016) from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Grace Baptist Church. A service to celebrate Ed's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday (December 28, 2016) at Grace Baptist Church in Bluffton. Pastor Douglas McClure will officiate. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Akron Cemetery in Akron, Indiana. Memorials may be made in Ed's memory to Grace Baptist Church or Family Lifecare of Berne.

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).



# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

A 1075 East  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church  
1621 South 350 East  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Celebration of Life Service

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Grace Baptist Church  
1621 South 350 East  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Graveside Service

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DEC **28**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Akron Cemetery  
A 1075 East  
Akron, IN 46910

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward "Ed" C Davis*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - December 27, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ *Edward "Ed" C Davis*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Ed was always so pleasant and kind to me while I lived in Bluffton whenever our paths crossed. Please accept my condolences.  
Marilyn Crossed*

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**Marilyn Creason** - January 02, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *I am sorry for your family's and community's loss. I was fortunate to have worked with Ed, as one of his vendors, at the Utility. He was a true Gentleman and always willing to share his vast knowledge of utility operations and issues.*

*Jeff Cunningham  
Orange County, IN*

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**Jeff Cunningham** - December 29, 2016 at 08:09 AM

EP

“ Our hearts were saddened when we received word of Ed's passing. Our condolences and prayers for each of you as you face the days ahead. Although we will not be able to attend the services, as we are in Florida, you will be in our thoughts and prayers.



*Elmer & Marcia Pate*

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**Elmer & Marcia Pate** - December 27, 2016 at 01:05 PM

CS

“ Sherri,  
due to working late tonight I cannot be there, and the State is here for annual survey or I would be there tomorrow at the service! I hold you in such high regard, and reading about your father I see that he was the same kind of person as you - thoughtful, faith - full, hard-working, and did all with excellence. I pray the God of all comfort will comfort you and your family as you walk down this road together and fill your hearts with peace and even joy in the assurance of your dad's salvation and the chance to see him again.

*In Christian love,  
Cathy Schrock*

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**Cathy Schrock** - December 27, 2016 at 12:46 PM

JG

“ RIP my friend . You served us ALL WELL .

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**Jerry Garrett** - December 27, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ Jerry Garrett lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" C Davis



Jerry Garrett - December 27, 2016 at 11:01 AM



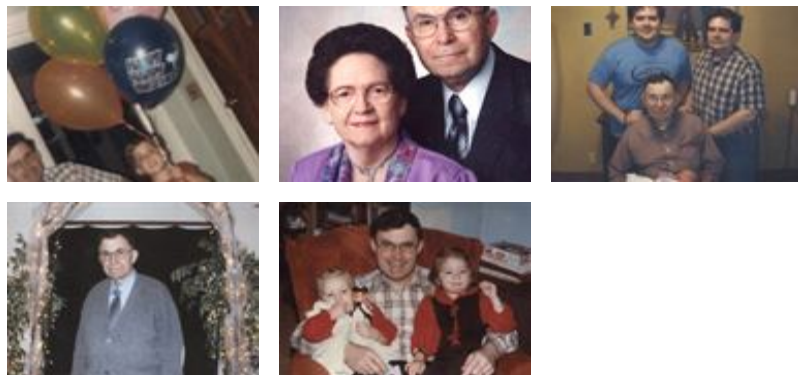
“ 8 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - December 26, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - December 26, 2016 at 04:39 PM

SU

“ Thoughts and prayers for Ed's family! We will miss seeing him!

*Chuck and Sue and Sassafras on Main Staff*

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**sue** - December 24, 2016 at 04:52 PM

EF

“ Eddie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" C Davis



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**Eddie Ferguson** - December 24, 2016 at 03:49 PM