



Edward H. Thiele Jr.

August 2, 1936 - January 11, 2025

Mr. Edward “Ed” Henry Thiele Jr., 88 of Ossian, passed away on Saturday evening, January 11, 2025, at Stillwater Hospice, surrounded by his family.

He was born on August 2, 1936, in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Edward H. Sr. & Frieda (Melcher) Thiele. Mr. Thiele was a 1954 graduate of Ossian High School.

Mr. Thiele entered into the services of the US Army Corp in Sept of 1959 and was stationed in Korea until Mar of 1961.

Ed was employed by Hower Tool from 1965 to 1995, where he retired. Throughout his retirement he worked for Larry Heckber, then Eventt Norris at Ossian Hardware until his death.

He was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, where he served in various roles of leadership and sang in the choir. Served on the Heartland REMC Board of Directors for 24 yrs, also serving Allen County Credit Union, Pleasant Township Advisory Board, and Allen County 4-H Board. He loved going to Canada on fishing trips, farming with Zane & Foster Reed and being a part of his daughter, grandkids and great grandkids daily lives.

On July 18, 1964, at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Ed & Connie (Sheley) were married and shared a beautiful 33 years of marriage until her passing in Dec of 1997.

Ed is survived by his only daughter Heidi (Jeff) Reed of Ossian.

Known as “Grandpa T” he loved his 3 grandchildren: Liza (Chris) Lee of Ossian, Justice Reed of Fort Wayne, and Eva Faith Reed of Ossian, along with 3 great grandchildren: Demi, E.J. and Nash Lee.

He is also survived by 3 brothers and 2 sisters: Richard “Sam” Thiele of Austin, IN, Martha

(Norv) Bauermeister of Ossian, IN, Kenneth (Cindy) Thiele of Alexandria MN, Mary Lou Bearman of Fort Wayne, and Donald (Vicki) Thiele of New Haven, IN.

He was preceded in death by a brother and 2 sisters: Carl Thiele, Ruth Stauffer, and Norma Schaefer.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 from 2 to 7 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral services will take place at 11 A.M. on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 16933 Thiele Road, Fort Wayne, with Rev. David Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Cemetery with Military Honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Tunnels to Towers and directed to the funeral home.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Cemetery

16933 Thiele Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46819
<http://www.stmarkfw.org>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
16933 Thiele Road
Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
16933 Thiele Road
Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward H. Thiele Jr.*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 17, 2025 at 03:26 PM

MB

I worked Ed at H. T. for 20 years, I always called Ed General Thiele. He was the best mentor I had.

Michael (Beaky) Blair - January 19, 2025 at 12:53 PM

TA

“ *Heidi & family—We were so sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. There are so many memories of our families throughout the years of living down the road from each other. The card games, the bowling leagues, and the friendship of our moms are just a few things that come to mind when we think of your family. God’s peace and comfort to you at this time.*
Phil & Tami Sundermann

TamiSundermann - January 17, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward H. Thiele Jr..*



January 17, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward H. Thiele Jr..*



January 16, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward H. Thiele Jr..

January 16, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ 150 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 15, 2025 at 11:33 AM

DW

“ Sending prayers for the family. I knew Ed from the American Legion Post 111 where I am a member there. He was a very nice guy. 🙏🙏

Dale Wall - January 15, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ As the eldest living grandchild of the Thiele family, it's possible that I share many feelings with my wonderful cousins.
Rarely a day goes by that I don't thank God for being born and raised in our loving, Christian, beautiful Thiele family. What did I do to deserve such a family? There's nothing that any one of my aunts, uncles, cousins or siblings wouldn't do for any other person in our family, without judgement and with our hearts full. We're not perfect, but we try hard, we pray for each other and we trust that God will help us through our struggles and grief. Our grandparents and our parents led us by example and faith, and together we have gotten through some really hard times. This is one of those times.
I'm not alone in having loving memories with all of my aunts, uncles and grandparents. Whenever we gathered for any occasion, it would take us an hour to hug, kiss, and catch up with everyone else, and it took that long to say goodbye. That kind of love, is what makes it so hard for us to lose those who we have lost. But it's the same love that has made it easier too, because we know, through faith in God, that we will be together again. We know that because we were taught from birth that God has promised us that we will reunite one day. I don't know many people who have been so blessed as to be raised in a family with so much love. The more we love those who we are closest to, the more we tend to miss them. I loved my Uncle Ed so much, that I will miss him very much. As long as we all continue to tell each other that we love each other, we will get through this together, with a heavy heart. I am grateful for this great big, imperfect, loving family that I'm so grateful to be a part of. And Uncle Ed, until we meet again, I love you and I will miss you!

Dianne Stangland - January 14, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward H. Thiele Jr..



January 14, 2025 at 02:22 PM



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“ From the Weir Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Edward H. Thiele Jr..



From the Weir Family - January 14, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward H. Thiele Jr..



January 14, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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“ City Church Elders purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Edward H. Thiele Jr..



City Church Elders - January 14, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward H. Thiele Jr..



January 13, 2025 at 03:19 PM