



## Ervin A. Krummen

February 5, 1915 - March 14, 2017

Ervin A. Krummen, age 102, passed away on March 14, 2017 at Christian Care Retirement Community. He was born on February 5th, 1915 and was a lifelong resident of the Bluffton area. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, LaVera, a daughter, Patricia (Robert) Catalino, two sons, Dale (Rosa) and Paul, four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ferdinand and Mary (Aschliman), and seven brothers and sisters. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton since 1956.

Ervin was a World War II veteran who proudly and humbly served in the Pacific Theater as a member of the Navy Seabees. He was initially an auto mechanic by trade and was co-owner of Krummen Auto Service in Bluffton. After the war he was employed by General Electric Co. at the Broadway, Taylor and Winter Street facilities in Fort Wayne for 34 years, where he received many awards for his innovative ideas. He was also a gentleman farmer who was known for his fruit orchard. He was a tinkerer and handyman who could fix anything!

In retirement, Ervin and LaVera spent many warm and enjoyable winters in Mesa, AZ. They traveled throughout the country, especially the southwest, and were honorary life members of the Sunland Village Hikers Club.

Ervin was privileged to have been part of America's Greatest Generation. He often marveled at how many changes he had seen throughout his life. Ervin was self-reliant, honest, and trustworthy. His word was his honor and he lived

by the Golden Rule. His is a “tough act to follow” and he will be missed by his family and friends.

Visitation and a celebration of his life will be held on Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral home in Bluffton. A funeral service will be held on Sunday (March 19, 2017) at 2 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Bluffton, with Pastor Les Cantrell officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First Baptist Church or the Alzheimer’s Association.

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

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
202 W. Cherry St.  
Bluffton, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ervin A. Krummen*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 18, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ *Ervin A. Krummen*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pat, You have my deepest sympathy!!! It's been a while since we've seen each other. I think it was a class reunion a few years ago.*

*Karan Clark*

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**Karan Clark** - April 12, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ *LaVera, Paul and family, Sending sympathy to you on the loss of this wonderful man. Having Mr. and Mrs. Krummen as our Sunday School teachers in the kitchen of the Baptist Church was special and memorable. Knowing he was a WWII vet makes him a hero. God bless you, sir. Enjoy your new home! Valerie Wilson Jackson*

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**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - March 18, 2017 at 08:08 PM

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“ *Irene, Lisa, and Tim Tarr, Roger and Kris Krummen purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Pink & White for the family of Ervin A. Krummen.*



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**Irene, Lisa, and Tim Tarr, Roger and Kris Krummen** - March 17, 2017 at 04:49 PM