



## Evelyn Irene Kirkwood

March 20, 1931 - January 7, 2023

Evelyn Irene Kirkwood, 91 of Bluffton, passed away early Saturday morning, January 7, 2023, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

A lifelong resident of Wells County, She was born on March 20, 1931 in Wells County, Indiana to Howard & Audrey (Noe) Onweller. She was a 1949 graduate of Petroleum High School.

On January 21, 1950 in Ossian, She married Kenneth W. Kirkwood and they shared 64 years together, before he preceded her in death on July 10, 2014. Irene worked as a purchasing secretary at East Allen High School, and Franklin Electric in Bluffton for 10 years, and was a full time loving mother and grandma.

Survivors include three children; Sandra Sue (husband Randy) Davis of Van Buren, IN Pamela Jo (husband William) Powelson of Convoy, Ohio, Douglas Wayne (wife Rhonda) Kirkwood of Woodburn, IN., along with seven grandchildren; Jamie (Megan) Werling, Kelli (husband Nate) Brumbaugh, Nathan (wife Kristin) Powelson, Megan (Nathan) Jorrey, Colby Kirkwood, Ryan (Kellie) Girardot & Chelsea (Teague) Meadows and 11 great-grandchildren.

Irene is also survived by a sister-in-law, Donna (Chad) Cochran of Bluffton and a brother-in-law, Jerry Bowman of Turkey Lake.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenneth, and siblings; Eileen Hatch, Kay Foreman, Mona Bowman, Dianne Kummer Terry Onweller and a grandson, Jason Werling.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 A.M. Thursday (Jan. 12, 2023) the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Barry Crosbie officiate. Calling hours will be held from 3 to 7 on Wednesday, (Jan. 11, 2023) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery in Wells County. Memorials may be made to Eleos Hospice Care, 4432 Ardmore Ave. Unit B, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46809 or charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Lemler Family ~  
Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

# Cemetery Details

## Stahl Cemetery

3191 E 700 S  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
[info@thomarich.com](mailto:info@thomarich.com)

## Funeral Service

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JAN 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
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Bluffton, IN 46714  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn Irene Kirkwood*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 11, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evelyn Irene Kirkwood.*



January 12, 2023 at 07:15 AM



“ *11 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 11, 2023 at 03:21 PM



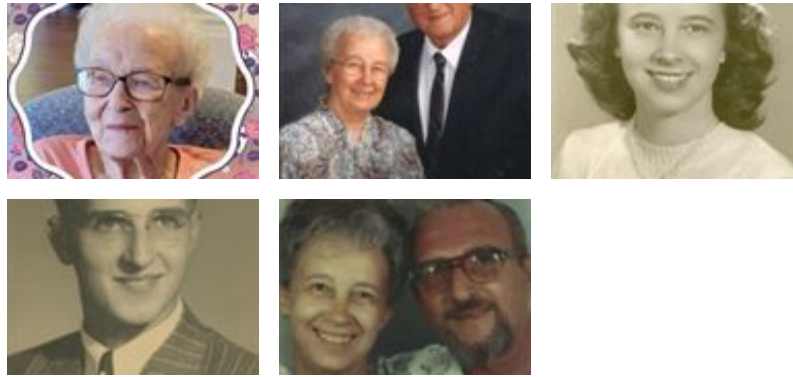
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Irene Kirkwood.*



January 11, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *126 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 10, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Sandy, Pam, and Jamie  
Thinking of you and your family. Anita (King) Davis*

**Anita M Davis** - January 10, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *Sending our condolences to you all. Ian and Shar and family*

**SHAROLYN STOPPENHAGEN** - January 10, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Irene Kirkwood.*



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January 08, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ *Sandy, Pam and family,  
I have many wonderful memories of your family at Epworth Methodist. Your mom was a special lady. May God comfort you in the days ahead. Thinking of you. Valerie Wilson Jackson*



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**Valerie Jackson** - January 08, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn Irene Kirkwood.*



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January 08, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Evelyn Irene Kirkwood.*



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January 08, 2023 at 06:47 PM

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“ *Pam, Bill and family,  
Another beautiful soul has returned to her heavenly home.  
Bob & Ann Kershner*

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**Ann Kershner** - January 08, 2023 at 06:03 PM