



## Evelyn E. Pope

March 21, 1933 - August 11, 2024

Evelyn E. Pope, 91 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday morning, August 11, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Pope was born on March 21, 1933, at her family's farm in Bluffton to Robert J. & Olive (Joray) Sweeny. She worked as a cook for Poplar Grove and the Bluffton school system and worked at H & R Block for over 12 years.

Evelyn's gift to others was her music. She was a talented accordion, piano player and marimba and taught many young people to play the piano for over 60+ years. She was also part of many bands, playing both the accordion and piano.

She was a longtime active member of the East 18th Street Wesleyan Church in Muncie, where she played the piano for many years and served alongside her husband, Gene, as they served together as the music ministers. She also served with Gene at the All Tribes Missionary Council and Athens Youth Camp for many years. They also did evangelistic singing & preaching in camp meetings and revivals for many years, throughout their married life.

On October 11, 1953, at the Mulberry Street Wesleyan Church, Evelyn and Gene L. Pope were married. They celebrated 70 years of marriage together, before he preceded her in death on April 15, 2023.

Survivors include her two children: Twila (Ron) Dubbeld of Bluffton and Allen (Beth) Pope of Indianapolis, along with 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul (Barbara)

Sweeny.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday (Aug. 15, 2024) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Dennis Campbell and Pastor Paul Walden officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will be held from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Wednesday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials may be made in Evelyn's memory to All Tribes Missionary Council.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Lemler family at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Pope family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

**AUG 15.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 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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AUG 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn E. Pope*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 14, 2024 at 08:06 PM



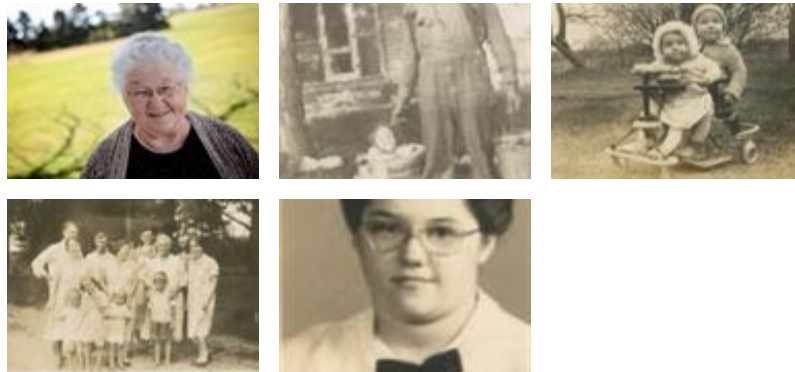
“ *With deepest condolences to Aunt Evelyn's family. [Sent In prayerful thoughts, Ryan Pope]*

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**Ryan Pope** - August 14, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *122 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 14, 2024 at 11:40 AM

RJ

“ *Rev. Arthur and Jean Jennings purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Evelyn E. Pope.*



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**Rev. Arthur and Jean Jennings** - August 14, 2024 at 07:45 AM

LD

“ *Janella and family I'm so sorry for your loss prayers for you all at this difficult time*



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**Lisa Dillon** - August 13, 2024 at 01:14 PM

JW

“ *Jonathan & Dena Wilson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Evelyn E. Pope.*



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**Jonathan & Dena Wilson** - August 13, 2024 at 12:55 PM

BK

“ *Bob and Kim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn E. Pope.*

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**Bob and Kim** - August 13, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Evelyn E. Pope.*



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August 13, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *Twila, we are saddened to learn of your mother's passing. The Dubbeld family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



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**Dan Gerdom** - August 12, 2024 at 07:02 PM