



## Frances Gloria Witkus

April 8, 1934 - February 17, 2024

Frances Gloria Witkus, 89 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday afternoon, (Feb. 17, 2024) at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

She was born on April 8, 1934, in Jay County, Indiana to Merl E. & Lena (Showalter) Glessner. Gloria attended Portland High School and worked at Jets for a few years in Portland. She was a longtime member of Old Country Church in Hartford City. Her main focus in life was that of a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

On June 1, 1980, Gloria married Ronald "Ron" P. Witkus in Portland, Indiana. He preceded her in death on March 12, 2015.

Survivors include her children; Steven (Linda) W. Cavanaugh of Geneva, Chris L. (Tina) Cavanaugh of Portland, Sherry W. Baker of Lebanon, TN, Wendell (Melinda) Butcher, II. of Bluffton.

She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ron and a son Rocky A.

Cavanaugh, and her siblings; Elizabeth Jordan, Mary Steveson, and Margaret Booher, and a grandchild.

A funeral service to celebrate Gloria's life will be held at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, (Feb. 20, 2024) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., prior to the service.

Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Gloria's memory to the Bluffton Fire Territory for Fire Safety in our local schools.

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](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (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

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Frances Gloria Witkus.*



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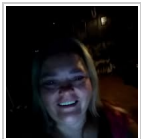
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“ *Bruce Nuckols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Gloria Witkus.*

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“ *I sat many a times on the porch on water street on my way to town or on the trip back home with her, she will be missed.*

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**Sharon K Hamilton** - February 18, 2024 at 04:07 PM