



Fred L Blocker

December 7, 1951 - August 4, 2018

Fred L. Blocker, 66, of Bluffton passed away early Saturday morning, August 4, 2018, at his residence in Bluffton.

Fred was born on December 7, 1951 in Bluffton to Floyd R. Blocker & Clella R. (Pace) Blocker-Rohde. Fred was raised by his mother and Edwin C. Rohde from an early age. He graduated from the Vera Cruz School in 1969 and continued to work at the school after graduation.

Fred loved sports and enjoyed collecting tractors, fishing and NASCAR. He loved spending his summer afternoons and evenings watching baseball and basketball at Jefferson and Washington Park in Bluffton. He loved his garden and eating the vegetables that he raised. Fred always made sure he had his basketball with him, wherever he went.

He is survived by his brother Wayne A. (Tammy) Rohde and a sister Jane A. Eisenhut of Bluffton along with 9 nieces and nephews: Terry Sills, Tim Sills, Robert Rohde, Travis (Amanda) Rohde, Josh (Scarlett) Premo, Ashley Rohde, Alan Rohde, Kristen Rohde and Shannon Rohde and 10 great- nieces and nephews. Fred is also survived by his caregiver, Frances Strang of Bluffton. He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Beulah G. Sills-Tanner along with a niece Tonya Sills and a nephew Tony Sills.

A Service to Celebrate Fred's life will be held at his favorite place, The Jefferson Park – Main Baseball Diamond at 10:30 on Wednesday, (August 8, 2018) with Tony Garton and Rev. Roy Nevil officiating. During his service, the family and friends are invited to help Fred turn off the field lights, one final

time. Family and friends are invited to dress for the ball park and use the bleachers or bring your own chairs. Burial will follow at Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center.

Calling Hours will be held from 12 Noon to 8 P.M. on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the Bluffton Youth Baseball Program or Family Life Care of Berne.

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.

Cemetery Details

Mossburg Cemetery

1300S 550W
Liberty Center, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

Jefferson Park - Main Baseball Diamond
315 East Horton Street
Bluffton, IN 46714

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fred L Blocker*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 07, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Fred L Blocker*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *During the 12 years we served the Mulberry St. Wesleyan Church we had many conversations with Fred. When we heard the sound of a bouncing basketball we knew Fred was near. He always asked, "What time is it?" He often helped me with church projects. We will never forget him. Pastor Don & Debbie Hosier*

Don Hosier - August 09, 2018 at 08:40 PM



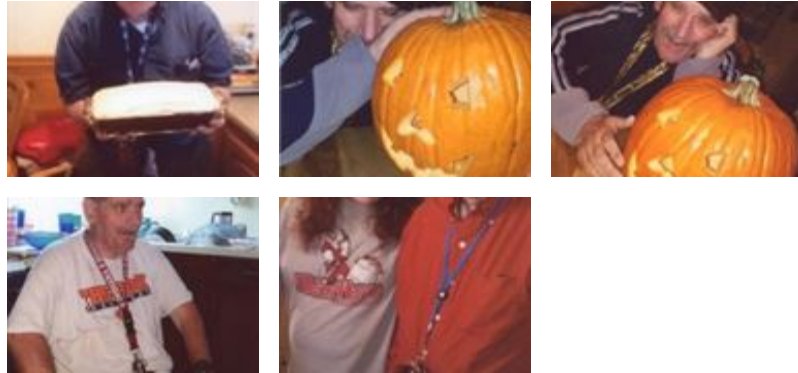
“ *Bernice And Larry Wine lit a candle in memory of Fred L Blocker*



bernice and larry wine - August 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 06, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Fred L Blocker.



August 06, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ To the Family of Freddie Blocker we are Sad for your loss! We will miss seeing him at the ballparks and all around town! Fred was fun to be around my 3 favorite sayings was always (Come on Nellie) (He Done it) and (Gosh Darn It) ! Prayers for the Family! God Bless! RIP Fred! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - August 06, 2018 at 12:27 AM

KB

“ Fred taught our three children about acceptance of everyone. Our kids respected Fred and would always interact with him. Our grandkids got to meet this great guy and looked for him when they visited. We have lived across the street from him for 35 years. He will be missed. So sorry for the family's and Fran's loss.

Keith and Sara Betts

Keith and Sara Betts - August 05, 2018 at 11:49 PM

FS

“ Fred loved walking around the neighborhood and visiting . Many of them would invite hem to their cook outs, he would have pop and hot dog or hamburger. When he would come home I would ask have you eaten he would say WELL YES am I in trouble .

Frances Strang - August 05, 2018 at 03:27 PM

MB

“ I remember Fred from Jefferson Park. As a teenager I ran the concession stand two summers. I picked up the trash at the ball diamond the afternoon of the games. Fred was always there to help me. When I would get in my car to leave he always had this to say, "gonna start, pump it, pump it, choke it, gonna start!". How I remember those words.

Rest in Peace, Fred.

Mark Baller

Mark Baller - August 05, 2018 at 12:18 PM

Tammy
Rohde

“ In 2017 My Aunt Linda and second cousin's Frances, and Taylor came down to visit with my mom and we took this picture with Fred. Thank you For the picture Frances.



Tammy Rohde - August 05, 2018 at 12:25 AM

Tammy
Rohde

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Tammy Rohde - August 04, 2018 at 11:20 PM

DC

“ I met Fred when I took a vacation a couple years ago to spend time with my mom Fran Strang. He was a very nice guy and mom talked about him all the time. He liked his tractors. He was a very sweet. Our thoughts and prays are with his family.

Debbie & Bill Cotten

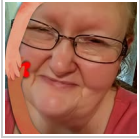


Debbie & Bill Cotten - August 04, 2018 at 11:06 PM

EP

“ *When we think of Freddie, we remember the boy with his basketball at the Washington Park. (We lived near the park right after we were married.) Our condolences to the family.*

Elmer & Marcia Pate - August 04, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ *Barbara Garrison lit a candle in memory of Fred L Blocker*



Barbara Garrison - August 04, 2018 at 06:38 PM

JF

“ *Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Fred L Blocker*



Jeannie Flowers - August 04, 2018 at 06:20 PM