



## Gary L Fate

April 30, 1946 - August 9, 2015

Gary L. Fate, 69, of Bluffton, passed away at 9:55 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was born April 30, 1946 in Bluffton to Robert L. and Iva Marie (Paxon) Fate. He married Evalyn Scaffa on August 23, 1969 at the Murray Missionary Church.

Gary graduated from Ossian High School with the class of 1965. He served our country in the United States Army during Vietnam from 1967-1969. He retired from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne in 2001 after 36 years of service. He enjoyed farming, fishing and hunting and always looked forward to spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Evalyn of Bluffton along with two children; Toni Claghorn of Angola and Robin (Eugene) Collins of Bluffton, four grandchildren; Chris Claghorn of Bluffton, Alexis, Sydney and Jackson Collins all of Bluffton and five great-grandchildren, one sister, Cathy Arnold of Huntington, three brothers; Dave (Joyce) Fate of Arizona, Rex Fate of Uniondale and Paul (Jeanne) Fate of Uniondale.

A service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Pastor Les Cantrell of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton where military honors will be performed by the United States Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Gary's memory to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences and memories with 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

**AUG 12.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

### Visitation

**AUG 13.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

### Service

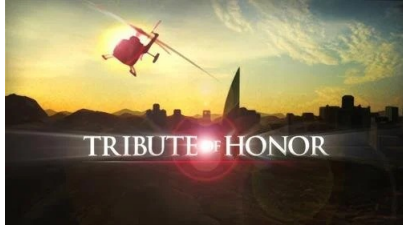
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# Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 12, 2015 at 01:52 PM



“ *Gary L Fate*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Evalyn and Family, So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Just wanted you to know we are thinking about you during this sad time. Cindy and Wayne Monticue*



Cindy Monticue - August 12, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ *Prayers are being lifted for your family. Miss you Evelyn.*

Jamie Edgar fellow clogger - August 12, 2015 at 08:44 AM



“ *Julia Tobias lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate*



Julia Tobias - August 11, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“ *My condolences to the Fate family.  
Larry Newhard*

Larry Newhard - August 11, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 11, 2015 at 01:14 PM

TM

“ *Sympathy to you Evalyn and your family*



Trudy Murray - August 11, 2015 at 11:38 AM

MP

“ *Evalyn so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you. Marilyn Platt*

Marilyh Platt - August 11, 2015 at 11:36 AM

SK

“ *Our sympathy to the family from the Ossian High School class of 1965. We spoke to Gary early on Sunday evening and he really wanted to attend our 50th reunion. He was a friend to all and will be missed.*

Sharon (Heckber) Kaufman - August 11, 2015 at 09:27 AM

RA

“ *Holding your family in our thoughts and prayers ^j^*

*Curt and Ruth Allen*



R allen - August 11, 2015 at 03:41 AM

RA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family ^j^ Curt and Ruth Allen

ruth allen - August 11, 2015 at 03:06 AM

JS

“ Always remember how he loved his grandkids and working on his farm. And boy did he love his coffee.

Jeanie



Jean Stout - August 10, 2015 at 11:09 PM

KA

So true

kaylee - October 21, 2015 at 12:21 AM

AH

“ Andrea Fate Hare lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate



Andrea Fate Hare - August 10, 2015 at 09:13 PM

AH

“ Andrea Fate Hare lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate



Andrea Fate Hare - August 10, 2015 at 09:12 PM

AF

“ Andrea Fate lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate



Andrea Fate - August 10, 2015 at 09:09 PM

SS

“ *Sheila (Coffiled) Soto lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate*



Sheila (Coffiled) Soto - August 10, 2015 at 07:51 PM

BC

“ *Gary was a wonderful person would do anything for you, so caring. All of our family will miss him  
Our prayers and thoughts are with all the family. Bob & Gerry Claghorn*

Bob & Gerry Claghorn - August 10, 2015 at 02:47 PM

TM

“ *Tina Morris lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate*



Tina Morris - August 10, 2015 at 11:39 AM

AN

“ *Andi lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate*



Andi - August 10, 2015 at 09:05 AM

HH

“ *Herb And Janet Heyerly lit a candle in memory of Gary L Fate*



Herb and Janet Heyerly - August 10, 2015 at 08:51 AM