



## H. Lorraine Hilsmier

December 3, 1936 - January 4, 2025

H. Lorraine Hilsmier, 88, of Ossian, passed away on Saturday evening, January 4, 2025, at Ossian Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Lorraine was born December 3, 1936, in Bluffton, IN to Hugh and Honor (Kleinknecht) Harris. She married Gene A. Hilsmier in Muncie, IN who preceded her in death in 2010.

She graduated from Lancaster School and attended Fort Wayne Business School. Lorraine was a member of Ossian Presbyterian Church, Eastern Stars, Delta Theta Tau Chapter Epsilon Beth Sorority and held several offices. She worked at North American Van Lines and Ellenberger Bros. in Fort Wayne. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, sewing, knitting and crocheting. Lorraine relocated to the Winston-Salem, NC area in 1983, where she worked at AT&T headquarters and retired from Piece Goods Corporation Headquarters in 1998. She moved to Calabash (Beach), NC before returning back to the Bluffton area in 2011.

Survivors include her son Greg Hilsmier of NC, a daughter Anjanette Lassiter of Bluffton, 4 grandchildren Bryce (Amanda) Bender, Brandt (Ashley) Bender of Huntington, Trey Bender of Zanesville, Cole Lemberg of Minnesota, 8 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Carolyn (Norm) Lipp of Ossian; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, children Julia and Jill (twins), and Mark A. Hilsmier, sisters, Patricia Geller and Jacquelyn Williams, a brother Richard Harris, along with her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. on Friday, (January 10, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Calling will take place from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Friday, prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Ossian Presbyterian Church, or Donor's Choice and can be directed to the funeral home.

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

## Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.  
Ossian, IN 46777  
(260) 622-6526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 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)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of H. Lorraine Hilsmier*

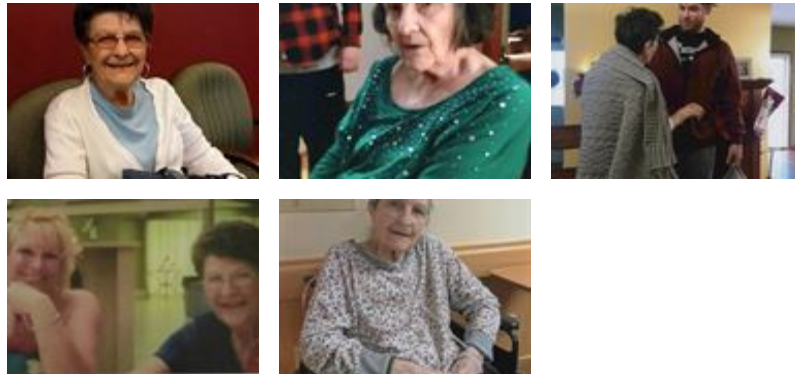


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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 10, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 09, 2025 at 05:06 PM

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“ *Rest in peace Lorraine, you were always such a good friend. I was in your wedding & you were in mine, such good times we had over the years. Dave Hoover*

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**Dave Hoover** - January 08, 2025 at 01:46 PM

FF

“ From your USPS Lewisville family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of H. Lorraine Hilsmier.



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**From your USPS Lewisville family** - January 07, 2025 at 02:23 PM

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“ The Family of Jacquelyn Williams purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of H. Lorraine Hilsmier.



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**The Family of Jacquelyn Williams** - January 07, 2025 at 12:36 PM

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“ The Family of Jacquelyn Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of H. Lorraine Hilsmier.

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**The Family of Jacquelyn Williams** - January 07, 2025 at 12:36 PM