



Harry "Ted" Shady

July 16, 1941 - May 10, 2025

Harry "Ted" Shady, 83 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday evening, May 10, 2025, at Ossian Health & Rehab Center.

Ted was born on July 16, 1941, in Bluffton to David & Elizabeth (Duff) Shady. He graduated from P.A. Allen High School in 1959 and married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Melanie Jo Gilbert, on May 12, 1962. They have shared 63 years of marriage as of this week.

Attending Fort Wayne Commercial College, Ted received a degree in Accounting. He started working for Kitco, Inc. in 1959, first as a press operator, then in the chemistry lab, followed by the accounting department, and finally advanced to the Company Controller. He completed his 50 ½ year career, working the last 5 years at the Linco plant in Avilla, when he retired.

A man of integrity, Ted has been a faithful member of the Bluffton First Baptist Church since 1971. He served as a deacon, finance chair, visitation layperson, and youth group leader, and was active with the Becomers Sunday School class and Bible studies.

Ted served as a past president of the local American Cancer Society, Wells County Foundation, and was a longtime member of the Bluffton Optimist Club. Ted believed in hard work and loved maintaining a perfect lawn and landscape around his home. He also knew the joy of family. He loved spending time with his family and traveled on many family vacations. He loved attending events his grandchildren participated in and was also an avid fan of the Bluffton Tigers sports

Survivors include his wife Melanie Jo Shady of Ossian, son Todd Shady of Bluffton, and daughter Marla (Ben) Karas of Grand Blanc, MI. He was a loving grandpa to 5 grandchildren: Stephanie (Adam Dennis) Shady of New Haven, Leah (Ben) Maschino of Davison, MI., Nick Shady of Fort Wayne, Alex (English) Karas of Linden, MI. and Brian Karas of Grand Blanc, MI., along with 9 great-grandchildren: Leo, Oliver, Penelope and Maxwell Dennis, Chance, Cannon and Colter Karas and Elliana & Gavin Maschino.

Ted is also survived by Sister-In-Law Nancy Shady of Scottsdale, AZ., Sister-In-Law Debbie Church and Brother-In-Law Dan Church of Smithville, MO., along with cousins Becky Bouse of Fort Wayne and Neal Shady of Stryker, Ohio, and many other cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Michael Dee Shady in 1966, a brother, Norman Shady, and a cousin who was raised as a sister, Patricia (Duff) Bouse.

The family would like to thank the staff of Ossian Health Care and ANEW Hospice for all of the wonderful care they provided for Ted.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 16, 2025, at the First Baptist Church, 202 West Cherry Street, Bluffton. Visitation will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the church prior to the service.

Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Bluffton or the Bluffton Athletic Boosters Club 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 share online condolences with the Shady family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry St.
Bluffton, IN

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harry "Ted" Shady*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 16, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ *Melanie,
Ted was such an exemplary friend, one of the very best.
Remembering the good times, and I truly wish you comfort in days ahead.
George (and Nina) Rittenhouse*

George E Rittenhouse - May 23, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ *Melanie, Deb and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Ted's passing.
Wishing you God's peace and comfort in the days ahead. Cherish the memories! God bless. Valerie Wilson*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - May 16, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry "Ted" Shady.*

May 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry "Ted" Shady.



May 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - May 15, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - May 14, 2025 at 03:53 PM

GP

“ Dear Melanie and Family, So sad to hear of Ted's passing, my heart cries with you. I remember Ted as a quiet, very kind, caring man, but always with a smile and always busy with many activities at home, or here in Bluffton. He made the world a better place, and we are all better from knowing Ted.
I'm sending you gentle thoughts, my heartfelt prayers, and wishing you peace and comfort in the coming days.

Glenna Plummer - May 14, 2025 at 01:46 PM

CR

“ Dear Melanie and Family, I was sorry to learn of Ted's passing and know you are feeling overwhelmed. God's blessings to you all. Many years have zoomed by and the thoughts of our high school days still remain. Ted is remembered as a fine, hard-working fellow.
Carolyn Paxson Raffa Rotell.

Carolyn Rotell - May 14, 2025 at 10:38 AM

JI

“ Jim Inskeep lit a candle in memory of Harry "Ted" Shady



Jim Inskeep - May 13, 2025 at 09:36 PM

CM

“ Melanie and Family, So sorry for your loss. Thinking about your whole family during this sad time.



Cynthia Monticue - May 13, 2025 at 09:16 PM

LF

“ *Linco and the Lindblom Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Harry "Ted" Shady.*



Linco and the Lindblom Family - May 13, 2025 at 11:36 AM

CL

“ *Melanie: My sympathy goes out to you at this difficult time. My memories are from Ted being a classmate at Bluffton High School, he had such a quiet demeanor about himself. May God put a hand of protection around you at this time and comfort you in the days to come. Sincerely Carol (Redding) Lochtefeld.*

Carol Lochtefeld - May 13, 2025 at 10:35 AM

GH

“ *Melanie, Todd, Marla and Family
Hard to find the words to express our feelings regarding the passing of Ted. Such a great man and so many memories. With Wayne working many years with Ted at Kitco, all the 063 Parties and then Melanie working with me at Wells Community Hospital. Our sadness is comforted by the thought that Ted is healed and we will see him again. In the meantime, may God bless you with precious memories to bring you peace, comfort and maybe a smile in the days and weeks ahead.
Love,
Wayne and Glennis Henly*

Glennis Henly - May 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM

CL

The Lindblom family sends our deepest sympathies. He was a good friend and great person.

Cliff and Rose Lindblom - May 12, 2025 at 09:03 PM

CE

“ *Tod,
So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please lets us know if you
need anything my friend. Love you
Melvin and Cindy Echevarria*

Cindy Echevarria - May 12, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DG

“ *Saddened to learn of Ted's passing. He was
such a nice guy and I enjoyed talking with
him. The Shady family will be in our prayers.
Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - May 11, 2025 at 02:12 PM

CD

“ *Our condolences and prayers to the family ,he will be missed. 🙏🙏*



Chris Dennis - May 11, 2025 at 12:31 PM