



## Huston "Hugh" D. Watters

October 21, 1928 - May 21, 2026

Huston "Hugh" D. Watters, 97, of North Charleston, SC. and formerly of Bluffton, passed away at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Hugh was born on October 21, 1928, in Wells County to C.E. "Earl" and Helen (Helms) Watters. He graduated in 1946 from Bluffton High School. He worked for Mix-Mill for 30 years prior to his retirement. Hugh was very active in the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, holding many roles in the church. Hugh enjoyed spending time with his family at Lake Jimmerson. Hugh was an avid IU basketball and football fan.

On October 1, 1950, Hugh and Betty L. Kiefer were married in Wells County. They shared 71 years of marriage prior to her passing on November 23, 2021. Survivors include two daughters, Victoria (David) Uhlemann of Lacy, WA and Kathy (Michael) Ankenbruck of North Charleston, SC, a daughter-in-law, Gail Watters of Bloomington, IN., nine grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Lou Barger of Bluffton. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Betty, a son Douglas J. Watters and his siblings, Earl L. "Bud" Watters, Lovina Hunnicutt and George Watters.

Funeral arrangements will take place at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Dr. Bryson Gene Bell officiating.

There will be calling prior to the service from 11A.M. until the time of the

service.

Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be made to the First Reformed Church and may be directed through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 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

**MAY 28.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TC

“ Vicki, Kathy and Family,  
Hugh and Betty opened their home to me and included me on some of your family trips as an adolescent: Santa Claus Indiana, Lake Jimmerson are the ones I remember. They were always kind, teasing and patient, and the best examples! I am so sorry for your loss, sending thoughts and prayers to you all, plus appreciation that I had those times with you, Doug, and your parents.



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**Trudi Captain** - May 27 at 12:49 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Huston "Hugh" D. Watters.

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**Elizabeth B.** - May 27 at 10:50 AM

VJ

“ Watters family, Hugh was one of the good guys. His friendship with my mom and dad goes back nearly 80 years. Precious memories. God bless him.  
Valerie Wilson Jackson

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**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - May 25 at 09:25 PM

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“ *Trudy Murray lit a candle in memory of Huston  
"Hugh" Watters*



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**Trudy Murray** - May 25 at 12:33 PM