



## Irene (Howell) Lee Newman

October 18, 1922 - April 19, 2016

Irene (Howell) Lee Newman 93 of Bluffton passed away on Tuesday (April 19, 2016) at Signature Health Care in Bluffton.

She was born to Blaine & Lelah (Foltz) Howell on October 18, 1922 in Grant County near Fairmount, Indiana. She graduated from Jefferson Township High School in Upland, Indiana in 1940. Irene married Ervin Lee in 1943 to them were born six children. He died on November 2, 1972. In 1986 she married Henry Newman. They attended the church in Kingsley Full Gospel near Dunkirk, Indiana until they moved to Bluffton where they attended Wesleyan Chapel Church.

She is survived by her husband Henry of Bluffton two sons James (Julia) Lee and Walter Lee and a daughter-in-law Jane White all of Montpelier, IN. Two daughters Janet (Don) Routledge of Wildersville, TN, Linda (Bill) Riggs of Greenfield, IN, along with four step-children: Donald (Carol) Newman, Judy (John) LaPeer and Brenda Thompson all of Bluffton. She is survived by 11 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by two sons Robert & Rex Lee and two brothers Herbert Howell and Rex Howell and a sister Frieda Thurston,

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday (April 22, 2016) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Rev. Chad Clark will officiate.

Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 3 to 8 on Thursday at the funeral home.

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](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

APR 21. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene (Howell) Lee Newman*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Irene (Howell) Lee Newman.*



April 21, 2016 at 07:10 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Irene (Howell) Lee Newman.*



April 20, 2016 at 11:13 AM