



## Irene L. Parsons

August 29, 1942 - July 1, 2025

Irene L. Parsons, 82 of Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, July 1, 2025, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Irene was born on August 29, 1942, in Adrian, Michigan to Herbert E. and Lenore M. (Gould) Burch. She graduated from Lincoln Consolidated High School in 1960. After graduation, she attended Malone College for a semester. On August 19, 1961, Irene and Kenneth W. Parsons were married by her father, Rev. Burch, in Ypsilanti, MI. At that time, Irene went to work to help put her new husband through school. Ken became a pastor, and the couple began their mission of pastoring in churches in Ohio, Virginia and Indiana. Upon his retirement in 2004, the family moved to Bluffton.

Survivors include two sons, Tim Parsons of Muncie and Keith (Carrie) Parsons of Tallahassee, FL., and two daughters, Carol (Duane) Miller of Fort Wayne and Connie Parsons of Bluffton. She was a loving grandma to five grandchildren, Nick (Kimberly) Hunter, Katie Parsons, Hadley Miller, Tad Miller and Liam Miller, along with nine great-grandchildren and one step-great-granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Pastor Ken Parsons in 2014, four brothers, Pastor Bruce Burch, Everett Burch, Dr. Larry Burch and Gene Burch and a son-in-law, Pete Hunter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. on Saturday, (July 12, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home with her son, Keith Parsons officiating. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Saturday, (July 12, 2025) prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be made to Community Care of Northeast Indiana.

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

JUL 12. 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

JUL 12. 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 Irene L. Parsons*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - July 12, 2025 at 02:24 PM

LB

“ *To Tim, Carol, Connie and Keith,  
Your mother, my sister-in-law, was truly special and touched many lives. May the good memories of your mother help find you peace and comfort in that she will forever be in our hearts. My deepest condolences for your loss.  
Much love to all,  
Aunt Linda*

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**Linda Burch** - July 11, 2025 at 12:33 PM



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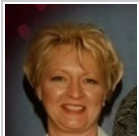
**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - July 11, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Carol, Duane & Family; Although I didn't know your mother, she must have been a lovely woman. Lean on God and savor the memories.*

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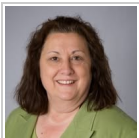
**Steve Kunkel** - July 05, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ *Irene was a lovely, kind lady. My condolences, she will be missed.*

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**Sheila Herdman** - July 05, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ *Tim, Carol, Connie, and Keith; so sorry to hear about your mom. I know that she lived a full life in the service of the Lord, and now she is receiving her reward. She and your dad are together again. Sending you my love, Aunt Wanda*

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**Wanda Reygaert** - July 04, 2025 at 11:18 AM