



Ivan K Ivins Sr.

August 31, 1936 - February 26, 2018

Ivan K. Ivins, Sr. "Chief Eagle" 81, passed away on Monday afternoon, February 26, 2018, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 31, 1936 in Wells County to Arnold J. & Gladys (Haughton) Ivins. Ivan attended Liberty Center High School and worked as an Auto Body Repairman for many years. He recently worked in maintenance at Bluffton Wal-Mart for the last 16 years. He was a member of the Bluffton Moose Lodge #242 and the Eagles Lodge #823 of Huntington and the Northern Indiana Road Riders Group and a past member of ABATE. Ivan was very patriotic and loved to ride motorcycles. He led the Annual James Dean Memorial Ride for 32 years along with the Dam Ride for the last 31 years. Ivan lost his son Ivan K. Ivins Jr at Christmas time in 1975, and every year since, he has taken Christmas presents to local children that spend Christmas in the hospital as a way to honor and remember his son.

Survivors include his long time significant other Linda K. Oldfield of Bluffton and children; Terry L. (Rhonda Dailey) Ivins of Berne, Sherry A. (Joshua Tanner) Ivins of French Lick, Toni L. (Kurt) Ivins- Franz of Decatur and Jeff P. (Susie) Ivins of Bluffton, 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren and siblings; Virginia Ivins, Kaye (Juanita) Ivins, a sister-in-law Evelyn Ivins, all of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, son Ivan K. Ivins, Jr., a brother Edson Ivins, a sister Erma "Lucy" Blair and twin infant brothers Ronald & Donald Ivins.

Calling Hours will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service. A service to Celebrate Ivan's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday (March 2nd) at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Mossburg Cemetery located at Liberty Center.

Memorials may be made to: Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation or to the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Mossburg Cemetery

1300S 550W
Liberty Center, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 01, 2018 at 01:11 PM

PG

Awsome, Beautiful, full of Love.! Just like he was ❤️

Pam Grice - March 01, 2018 at 07:47 PM

CL

Rest in Peace, Ivan; I wish I could be there for the service. Craig Leonard

Craig Leonard - March 02, 2018 at 03:11 AM

RM

awsome , r.i.p ivan you will be missed very much BLUFFTON wont be the same with out u . love you my friend

ROSE MARSHALL - March 06, 2018 at 04:46 PM

Jl

My dad was unique in so many ways, I had an still have so much respect for him. I want to thank the Lemlers and the entire staff for helping to make dad's funeral as unique as he was, letting me put dad's motorcycle next to him, and keeping it casual as dad would have liked. Thanks also for putting together the awesome video, it felt like he had a hand in it, it was perfect! I come back and watch it often. Dad I miss and love you more than ever! Jeff ivins

Jeff ivins - October 21, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Ivan K Ivins Sr.*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Miriam Mortemore lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Miriam Mortemore - March 11, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ *Linda and Ivins Family, Wayne and I would like to express our deepest sympathy. Wayne and Cindy Monticue*



Cindy Monticue - March 02, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ *I will miss the good times and Ivan's smiles, there will be a empty spot on the dance floor.*



Kim McCurdy - March 01, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss he will be greatly missed by all his friends at the eagle's 823*

Rozella Zimmerman - March 01, 2018 at 03:04 PM

JE

“ *Joan Elliott lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Joan Elliott - March 01, 2018 at 02:38 PM

DN

“ *Dana Nash lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Dana Nash - March 01, 2018 at 11:59 AM

DN

“ *Terry, Sherry, Toni and Jeff you have my sincere condolences. Jeff you guys lived by us for years, your dad was an awesome guy. I remember my kids being watched by Joyce and your dad would go outside and play with the kids (he was a kid at heart). My thoughts and prayers to you all.*
Dana Nash

Dana Nash - March 01, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *RIP . You will be missed*



Brandi Brickley Bywater - March 01, 2018 at 06:12 AM

DE

“ *Darlene Elshire lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*




darlene elshire - March 01, 2018 at 03:27 AM

CB

“ *Linda,
I am so sorry for your loss. Ivan definitely was a special person and will be missed by so many. Keeping you in our prayers my old friend.
Take care
Carol & Ray Briggs*

Carol Briggs - March 01, 2018 at 02:40 AM

 Amy
Arnold
Graham

“ *Amy Arnold Graham lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Amy Arnold Graham - February 28, 2018 at 07:49 PM

 Brenda
Schlenker

“ *Brenda Schlenker lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Brenda Schlenker - February 28, 2018 at 06:59 PM

MG

“ Ill always remember ivans rides.. Always a good time.. Even when he's laughing of the video Jaynine filmed for him.. Because she rested the camera on my head.. He thought my head was pretty funny looking.. Haha! Good times! He will be missed

Mike grimes - February 28, 2018 at 06:36 PM

MG

“ Mike Grimes lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



Mike grimes - February 28, 2018 at 06:33 PM

JD

“ Jaynine Davis lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



Jaynine davis - February 28, 2018 at 06:31 PM

JD

“ Ivan was the kindest person I know.. I will miss him dearly.. And always remember all the good times.. And all the long talks over coffee.. Always my guide home in the snow then he would stop in the middle of the road.. Jump out and run chocolate to my car.. He's an amazing man and loved by my whole family

Jaynine davis - February 28, 2018 at 06:29 PM

SM

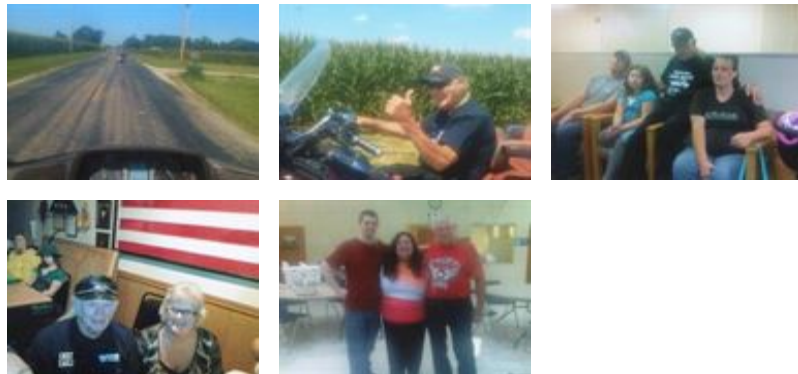
“ I am so so sorry for my other families loss. Ive know this wonderful man as long as i can remember! i loved him the day i met him and i will love him till the day that i pass, The Ivins family has always claimed me as their own, and i them, i am forever greatful to have been able to share with such a wonderful family, Ivan, RIP my friend, Gone till we meet again, But NEVER Forgotten,,, I love you Buddy. Dance in the sky Ivan,
one of your favorite dance partners
Sheri Thompson, Markin



sheri markin - February 28, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - February 28, 2018 at 01:55 PM

MH

“ In loving memory of a Wells County Legend 💕 Prayers and condolences to all family and friends 🙏 I feel blessed to have spent some time with this guy ❤️ God Bless

Margie Hahn - February 28, 2018 at 01:48 PM

SH

“ so very sorry ivan was a good man remember him well susie hatten and brandi hupp

susie hatten and brandi hupp - February 28, 2018 at 01:35 PM

JM

“ James & Rose Marshall lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



James & Rose Marshall - February 28, 2018 at 01:23 PM

DB

“ Donna Beavans lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



Donna Beavans - February 28, 2018 at 08:56 AM

DB

What a great guy! Gonna miss you Ivan! Ride on!

Donna Beavans - February 28, 2018 at 08:57 AM

VE

“ Vicki Ellenberger lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



Vicki Ellenberger - February 28, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ivan K Ivins Sr..*



February 28, 2018 at 02:37 AM



“ *Kathy Irwin lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Kathy Irwin - February 27, 2018 at 11:51 PM



“ *Sherry*



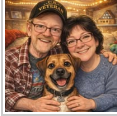
Sherry Peters Wafford - February 27, 2018 at 10:54 PM



“ *Deb Amburgey-Carson lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Deb Amburgey-Carson - February 27, 2018 at 10:46 PM



Ivan was a very special person, he didn't know a stranger. He will be missed.

Deb Amburgey-Carson - February 27, 2018 at 10:47 PM

RD

“ *Rhonda Dailey lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Rhonda Dailey - February 27, 2018 at 10:38 PM

GB

“ *Gina Bryant lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Gina Bryant - February 27, 2018 at 09:43 PM

GB

“ *Gina Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Gina Bryant - February 27, 2018 at 09:42 PM

AH

“ Ivan will be missed. He was so full of life, a true-red-white-and-blue all American man, a wow could he dance! He always brought smiles to mine and a bunch of people's faces. It was an honor to know you Ivan. Rest in Peace.



Amanda Hines - February 27, 2018 at 09:36 PM

RF

“ Ron Bell N Family lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



ron bell n family - February 27, 2018 at 09:12 PM

Roger
Fox

“ Ivan was kind man everyone like he was great friend will be miss by many .pray for family.



Roger Fox - February 27, 2018 at 09:07 PM

KW

“ Karen Wehr lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



Karen Wehr - February 27, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ Sarah McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



Sarah McKenzie - February 27, 2018 at 08:56 PM

RW

“ RONNIE WATSON lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



RONNIE WATSON - February 27, 2018 at 08:52 PM

SH

“ The last time I saw Ivan, he was dancing in the Lagro streets with 90 degree temps, during the Lagro Days fair. Even the kids couldn't keep up with him. Heaven gained a very special Angel....

Steve Harrison - February 27, 2018 at 08:22 PM

SH

“ Sheila lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.



Sheila - February 27, 2018 at 08:07 PM

SH

A very sweet man! Danced like he owned it! Which he did! RIP Ivan. You will be deeply missed.

Sheila - February 27, 2018 at 08:09 PM

TT

“ *Sorry for your loss. Ivan was a good man, he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with entire family of Ivan.* ”



Teresa Moser and Brent Trout - February 27, 2018 at 07:20 PM

E.

“ *E. lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.* ”



E. - February 27, 2018 at 07:05 PM

PG

“ *Pam Grice lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.* ”



Pam Grice - February 27, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ *Jennifer Dunnuck lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Jennifer Dunnuck - February 27, 2018 at 04:56 PM

MZ

“ *Mary Collins Zeis lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



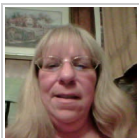
Mary Collins Zeis - February 27, 2018 at 04:42 PM

ER

“ *Erin lit a candle in memory of Ivan K Ivins Sr.*



Erin - February 27, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ *So many fond memories!!! You will be missed my friend!!!
Thank you for being our friend for so many wonderful years!!*



Larry Niblick and Meri Blinn

Meri Blinn - February 27, 2018 at 08:51 AM

CS

“ So many memories and always a smile! Thoughts and prayers are with you all, at this time. Rest in Peace Ivin. Connie (Miller) Snyder

Connie (Miller) Snyder - February 26, 2018 at 08:15 PM