

Jack L. Mettler

November 21, 1944 - November 27, 2022

Jack L. Mettler, 78, of Fort Wayne and a longtime resident of Bluffton, passed away early Sunday morning, November 27, 2022, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jack was born on November 21, 1944, in Bluffton to Robert E. & Virginia R. (Hughes) Mettler. A 1963 graduate of Bluffton High School, Jack served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968. After leaving the Marines, Jack was a barber for 4 years. He helped open Hardee's Restaurants in Bluffton and Fort Wayne where he served as a longtime manager at the Bluffton location. Jack also managed at Ponderosa, Emery, and Burger Chef. He worked at Roehl Transportation out of Wisconsin and retired from Hiner Transportation located in Huntington. He traveled through 48 states and all the Canadian provinces. After his retirement, Jack worked part time at SMOKES, the American Legion Post #111, and the Bluffton Walmart.

Jack was a huge I.U., Colts, and Bluffton Tiger fan! He always enjoyed following the local athletes as they continued their athletic career. He enjoyed bowling, golf, and following Drum Corp. Jack was a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and Bluffton Elks Lodge #796.

Survivors include his children, Sonja M. (Vanessa L.) Mettler of Fort Wayne and Andrew R. Mettler of Los Angeles, CA, and two brothers, William "Bill" (Janice) Mettler and James "Jim" Mettler, both of Bluffton.

Visitation will be held from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Thursday (Dec. 1, 2022) at the

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service. An Elks Memorial Service for Jack will be held at the conclusion of the visitation on Thursday.

Funeral Services will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Friday (Dec. 2, 2022) at the Funeral Home with Pastor Sherrie Drake officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery with Military Honors by the United States Marine Corps. Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Wounded Warriors Foundation.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Elk's Memorial Service

DEC 1. 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Visitation

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

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Funeral Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack L. Mettler*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 01, 2022 at 05:59 PM

JD

“ *Jack was a good friend throughout our school days and we shared some crazy adventures traveling to and from Indy together in barber college. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of loss.*

JerrynCindy Dillon - December 01, 2022 at 11:50 PM

SM

Thank you. He had a lot of friends, no one was a stranger to him. I'm glad you had good memories together.

Sonja Mettler - December 02, 2022 at 09:08 PM

DA

“ *Doreen Ayers sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Mettler*



Doreen Ayers - December 01, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jack L. Mettler.*



December 01, 2022 at 09:30 AM



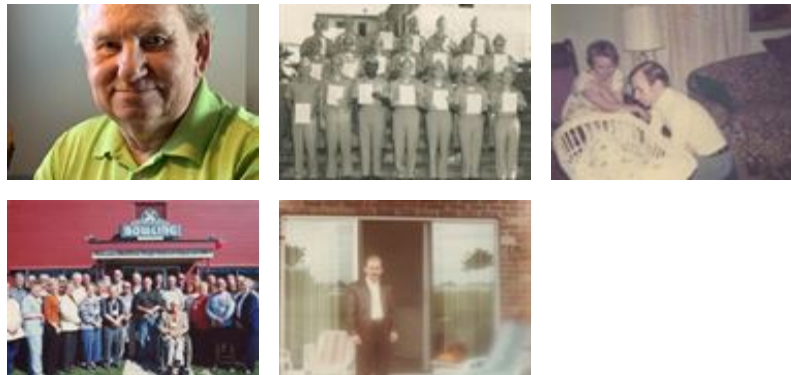
“ *Bill & family,
Praying for your family at this sad time. Hope your love & memories of him give you comfort.*



Nancy Reusser Halstead - December 01, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *60 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - November 30, 2022 at 03:36 PM

DG

“ *The Mettler family will be in our prayers. Dan Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - November 30, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack L. Mettler.*



November 30, 2022 at 07:08 AM



“ *Kamie Elston lit a candle in memory of Jack Mettler*



Kamie Elston - November 29, 2022 at 07:24 PM

LW

“ *Jack was a very sweet guy that would talk your leg off you, I always made sure when I went into smokes I had extra time to stand and chat with him.. he will be sadly missed by lots of people. My thoughts and prayers to the family*



lesia wood - November 29, 2022 at 06:25 PM

SM

Yes! He was a talker! Thank you for sharing your time with him. I know he absolutely enjoyed talking to his customers. He always had a story to tell.❤️

Sonja Mettler - December 02, 2022 at 08:52 PM

KY

“ 2 files added to the album Drew and Dad...Two photos, one formal, and one with a California Vibe



Karen York - November 29, 2022 at 04:29 PM

BB

“ Brandi Bywater lit a candle in memory of Jack Mettler



Brandi Bywater - November 29, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack L. Mettler.



November 28, 2022 at 07:19 PM

CP

“ *Cathie Purvis lit a candle in memory of Jack Mettler*



Cathie Purvis - November 28, 2022 at 05:00 PM