



## James L. Courtney

October 23, 1931 - April 28, 2023

James L. Courtney, 91 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday evening, April 28, 2023, at Ossian Health & Rehab. Center.

Jim was born on October 23, 1931 in Bluffton to James “Howard” Courtney and Mona M. (Stout) Courtney-Miller-Brown. He attended Bluffton High School and obtained his GED while in the military. He proudly served 22 years in the Army and retired as a Staff Sargent. While in the Army, Jim served two tours in Vietnam and earned a bronze star. Jim then worked for Corning Glass as an operator. He also served as a custodian for the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, for many years. He was a member of the American Legion Post #111, and the First United Methodist Church.

On July 6, 1968, Jim and Gloria J. Knoble were married in Ringgold, Georgia. They shared 27 years of marriage prior to her passing on August 2, 1996. Survivors include his children Linda (Jeff) Thompson and Pamela (James) Warthman both of Bluffton, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a daughter Tamera “Tammy” L. Sark, a son, James D. Knoble, a sister Phyllis Ann Croy and three brothers, Kenneth D. Courtney, Benjamin M. Courtney and Danny “Dan” H. Courtney. Funeral services will be held at 3 P.M. on Wednesday (May 3, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery will military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Visitation will be held from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. on Wednesday, prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Courtney 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 3.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 3.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 03, 2023 at 01:31 PM

LF

*Linda, I am sorry to hear of your dads passing. I did not know him but I have known you for several years. I just wanted to send you my sympathy at this time of loss. Linda Fornwalt*

Linda Fornwalt - May 03, 2023 at 02:11 PM

BG

“ *Corrina, Linda, Pam and families, I am sorry for your loss of Jim. I remember when I used to see him and your beautiful Grandma, and Corrina and Linda in New China Restaurant at the Villa North Plaza back in the 90's. Thinking of you and sending hugs! ~BJ*



BJ Gray - May 02, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Courtney.*



May 02, 2023 at 04:19 PM

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“ One of the nicest men I've ever met. Rest In peace Uncle Jim.  
Love Scott



Scott EINARSON - May 02, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Courtney.



May 02, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ 111 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 01, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of *James L. Courtney*.



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April 29, 2023 at 06:12 PM