



## James "Dick" Sark

February 16, 1942 - August 26, 2015

James R. "Dick" Sark 73 of Bluffton passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at his residence.

Dick was born on February 16, 1942 in Bluffton to William James & Maxine (Gearhart) Sark. He graduated from P.A. Allen High School. Dick worked with the Bluffton Police Department for 5 years and worked with the Bluffton Fire Department for 2 years. He retired from a career in law enforcement in 1997 after 26 years with the Wells County Sheriff's Department.

He loved to fly and owned his own planes and enjoyed flying model airplanes. He enjoyed playing the Steel Guitar and played with many local bands in this area. He was a member of the S.A.L. Post #111 of Bluffton and the Wells County Pilot's Association.

Dick is survived by his wife of 25 years, Karen (Barton) Sark of Bluffton along with children: Richard "Rick" A. (Sherri) Sark, Michael "Mike" P. Sark both of Bluffton, Candice L. Sark of Fort Wayne and Amanda R. Sark of Bluffton. He was a proud PaPaw to nine grandchildren: Chase Sark of Bluffton, Shelby Sark of Fort Wayne, Autumn Sark of Fort Wayne, Sadie James Sark of Bluffton, Andrew Lancaster, Gregory Lancaster, and Justin Love all of Dunkirk, Tyler Overla and Chace Beaty of Bluffton. He is also survived by a sister Sue (Merle) Yoder of Elkhart, IN.

A service to celebrate Dick's life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday (August 29, 2015) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Roy Nevil will officiate.

Calling hours will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be given in Dick's memory to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home through the funeral home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences and memories with the Sark 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

**AUG 28.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

### Visitation

**AUG 29.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

### Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Dick" Sark*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 28, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ *James "Dick" Sark*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Dick.  
Marion & BJ Gray*



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**Marion & BJ Gray** - September 05, 2015 at 05:56 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to Karen Sark and the extended family from Aunt Norma Stout, Makaye and Howard Vaughn. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Makaye Vaughn** - August 28, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ *Karen my friend I am so sorry for your loss. I'm glad I got to meet him that day though... Seemed like a great guy. Prayers to you and your family. ((Hugs)).  
Sharon Terry*

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**sharon terry** - August 28, 2015 at 05:34 PM

BK

“ Very sorry to hear about Dick. I remember him as a humble and quiet type when he came out to the Lazy K to fly, except when he was a round my dad, Arden. then he wouldn't be so quiet. Who could? He gained my respect.  
So sorry for your loss,  
Bob & Linda Kunkel

Bob Kunkel - August 28, 2015 at 03:10 PM

EL

“ I wish that the sark family may find peace. You are in my thoughts and in my heart. Lots of love  
Elaine



elaine - August 28, 2015 at 12:13 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of James "Dick" Sark.



August 28, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 28, 2015 at 09:25 AM

CH

“ *Cardiopulmonary Rehab-Lutheran Hospital purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of James "Dick" Sark.*



Cardiopulmonary Rehab-Lutheran Hospital - August 28, 2015 at 07:01 AM

CF

“ *Our condolences.*

Cary & Keoka Gephart and family - August 28, 2015 at 03:51 AM

PT

“ *So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He and I lived on the same block in grade school and had a lot of fun times together. My condolences to Dick's family.*  
*Perry Thompson*



Perry Thompson - August 27, 2015 at 05:34 PM

RH

“ *My husband Tom Hockenberry played in a band with Dick, Larry Arnold, Wayne Grove, and Dorsey Price. So sorry to hear of Dicks passing. Due to circumstances I am unable to make his calling .prayers to the family*

Rose Hockenberry - August 27, 2015 at 05:18 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of James "Dick" Sark.*



August 27, 2015 at 10:52 AM

NG

“ *Neil Grove lit a candle in memory of James "Dick" Sark*



Neil Grove - August 27, 2015 at 07:57 AM

NG

“ Dick and I lived beside each other when we were kids. We played in a band together in the early 60's along with Larry Arnold, Tom Hockenberry, and Dorsey Price.  
Was sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers go out to his family.  
Neil Grove

Neil Grove - August 27, 2015 at 07:37 AM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James "Dick" Sark.



August 26, 2015 at 11:04 PM

JW

“ Jim And Pam Warthman lit a candle in memory of James "Dick" Sark



Jim and Pam Warthman - August 26, 2015 at 06:29 PM

VH

Jim and Dick loved to fly out of Kunkle feild. always a good freind. The James Habig Family

Virginia Habig - August 28, 2015 at 10:22 AM

PW

I really enjoyed working with Dick at the Sheriff's Department. He sure will be missed.

Pam Warthman - August 28, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JR

Rick and Mike, I didn't know your dad but please accept my sympathy on his passing, also to you Shelby and Chase as well as the rest of the family. Jo Ann Record

Jo Ann Record - August 31, 2015 at 04:39 PM