



## James Russell Barnell

December 1, 1913 - June 8, 2010

James Russell "Barney" Barnell, 96, of Bluffton, died at 2:13 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Mr. Barnell had resided at the Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center for the past two years. Mr. Barnell was an auto body repair specialist who had worked for local car dealerships for 22 years and owned and operated his own auto body repair shop, Barnell Body Shop, for 13 years before selling it in 1974. He worked for Franklin Electric for three years and retired in 1978.

He was a lifelong resident of Wells County and attended the First Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Dec. 1, 1913, in Wells County, to James W. Barnell and Mary N. Caylor Barnell. He married Violet V. Terhune Nov. 6, 1937, in Mexico, Ind.; his wife survives.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Barnell; two half-brothers, Riley Barnell and Arthur Lambert; and two half-sisters, Stella Dunckle and Greba Ogle.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday with Pastor David Terhune officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the First Church of the Nazarene.

Online condolences: [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 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



“ *James Russell Barnell*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I'am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr.Barnell he was a very kind person and I always enjoyed taking care of him... Much sympathy to his family.. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Margaret Velasquez##imported-end##*

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“ *My poor poor Barney,*

*How I will miss you my friend, it was a great pleasure to care for you..my heart goes out to your family ...May you rest in peace my friend for you have fought a good fight....I will miss you dearly but know in my heart you are in Gods arms once again. Keep a place for me would you. Much love to your family and wife...*

*Your Nurse,  
Jacquie Skare, LPN##imported-begin##Jacquie Skare  
LPN##imported-end##*

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