

Janet K. Kleinknight

February 1, 1943 - December 29, 2025

Janet K. Kleinknight, 82 of Bluffton, passed away on Monday morning, December 29, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on February 1, 1943, in Ashland, Kentucky to Willie & Anna (McDowell) Thompson.

Janet worked at Corning Glass Works for 17 years, tended bar at the Bluffton Eagles Lodge, and retired from Bluffton Rubber after 22 years of service. She enjoyed bowling and bowled with her husband on local bowling leagues. Family was the most important thing in Janet's life. After retirement, Janet enjoyed spending her winters in the warm sunshine of Florida, with her sisters.

Janet and Charles Edward Kleinknight were married and shared over 65 years together before he preceded her in death on February 12, 2004.

Survivors include her sons; Tim (Tina) Kleinknight and Larry Kleinknight and a granddaughter, Nikia Kleinknight, all of Bluffton.

She is also survived by a brother, Clarence Everett (Marti) Thompson of Ashland, KY., and a sister, Donna (Barney) Creamer of Florida.

Janet is preceded in death by her husband Charles, and siblings; Beulah M. Murphy, Charles "Bill" Thompson, Robert Gene Thompson, Louise Sawyer, Peggy Ann Bayes and Ruth Bailey.

Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. on Saturday, (Jan. 3, 2026) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Jeff Lemler officiating.

Visitation will take place from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Friday, (Jan. 2, 2026) at the

funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Janet's memory to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



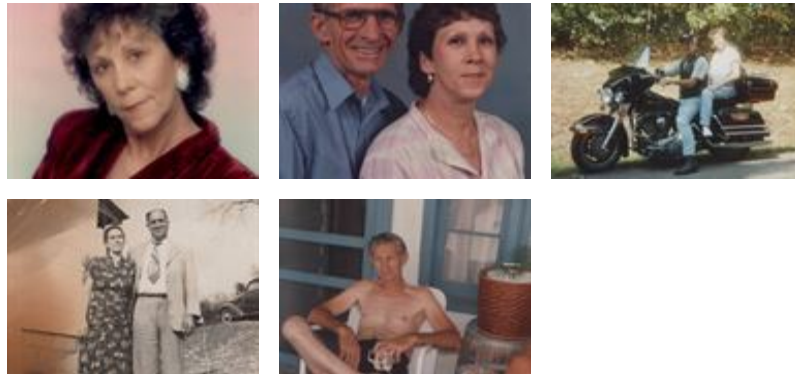
“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet K. Kleinknight*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 02 at 03:23 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 02 at 02:05 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Janet's passing ! I worked with Janet at Corning for 17 yrs also ! She was such a good friend , a hard worker and a fun person to be around in and out of work ! Your all in my thoughts and prayers ! Sheryl (Daugherty) Kneuss*

Sheryl Kneuss - December 31, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. She was a **GREAT** woman! Loved her and love you all!



Jennifer Dunnuck - December 31, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ Janet was a very special person and will always hold a very special place in my heart. She was not only a sister-in-law to my oldest sister, but also one of her best friends. She will be missed by many.



Molly Conrad - December 31, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janet K. Kleinknight.



December 30, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janet K. Kleinknight.



December 30, 2025 at 01:49 PM

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“ Tricia and Mark Patch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet K. Kleinknight.

Tricia and Mark Patch - December 30, 2025 at 01:49 PM