



Jay E. Betts

May 27, 1938 - April 20, 2025

Jay Earl Betts, 86, of Berne, and formerly of Petroleum, passed away on Sunday evening, April 20, 2025, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Jay was born on May 27, 1938, in Bluffton, Indiana to Earl E. and Mable Devona (Hedges) Betts. On October 18, 1958, Jay and Nancy Jane (Foust) Betts were married at the former church in Reiffsburg.

Jay retired from Franklin Electric in 2000 after 32 years of service. He was a member of the Petroleum United Methodist Church, which is now named the Petroleum Community Church.

Jay is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Nancy Betts of Berne, their children Keith (Sara) Betts of Bluffton, IN., Kevin Betts and Christine (Brad) Zimmerman both of Berne, along with seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, one great-grandson, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Greg Andrews and Pastor Steve Bard officiating. Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 P.M. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Memorials may be made to Petroleum Community Church and may be directed through the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Stahl Cemetery

3191 E 700 S
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jay E. Betts*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 24, 2025 at 04:08 PM

LB

“ *My dearest sympathy to the family. We will be praying for your family ♡*

Lisa Boxell - April 29, 2025 at 08:29 PM

KW

“ *Sorry to hear of Jay's passing. Will always remember Jay pushing his lawnmower all over Petroleum taking care of yards, always with a smile. Sorry we were unable to attend visitation.
Your Petroleum Neighbors, The Melick's*

Kristy (Melick) Walker - April 26, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay E. Betts.*

April 24, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Stars in the Sky - 11" Heart Garden Stone was purchased for the family of Jay E. Betts.*



April 24, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jay E. Betts.



April 24, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 24, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DM

“ *Christine,*
So sorry to hear the sad news. May God provide comfort to you and your extended family.
Diane (Scott) Michael

Diane Michael - April 24, 2025 at 06:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay E. Betts.

April 23, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jay E. Betts.



April 23, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ 81 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 23, 2025 at 11:47 AM

BO

“ So sorry to hear of Jay’s passing. Unfortunately I won’t be able to come down. My prayers to all of you as you continue on, cherishing your memories.💕🙏💕

Barbara (Baker) Overdeer

Columbia City

Barb Overdeer - April 23, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay E. Betts.

April 22, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay E. Betts.

April 22, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jay E. Betts.



April 22, 2025 at 09:32 AM

KE

“ Keith & Cindy, Matt & Erin purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Jay E. Betts.



Keith & Cindy, Matt & Erin - April 21, 2025 at 09:28 PM