



Jay F. "Fred" Painter

October 30, 1935 - December 3, 2019

Jay F. "Fred" Painter, 84, of Bluffton passed away on Tuesday morning, December 3, 2019, at Ossian Health & Rehab Center.

Fred was born on October 30, 1935 in Henry County, Indiana to William F. Painter & Caroline (Smith) Harrington.

A 1953 graduate of Mooresville High School, Fred served in the Indiana National Guard. He was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 20 in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1990, with 40 years of service. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Bluffton. Fred collected, restored and showed Ford Mustangs. He also enjoyed buying, restoring and selling lake cottages.

On May 22, 1959 in Bluffton, Fred and Mary Jo (Gerber) were married.

Survivors include his wife Mary Jo of Bluffton and three children; Rhonda (Bryan) Dalman of Indianapolis, Michael (Kathy) Painter of Bluffton and Douglas Painter of Bluffton. He was a proud grandpa to two granddaughters, Megan Painter of Indianapolis and Alison (Brandon) Green of Denver, CO.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother Phillip Painter.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 on Friday (Dec. 6th) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Brandon Kelley officiating.

Calling hours are from 3 to 7 P.M. on Thursday (Dec. 5th) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

DEC 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

DEC 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jay F. "Fred" Painter*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 05, 2019 at 02:25 PM

JB

“ *My name is Jan Byrd, my wife Marsha and I used to show Mustangs with Fred and Mary Jo in Indianapolis many years ago. One year they allowed us to drive our Mustangs around the Indy 500 track. We had argued the previous two days who had the fastest car. It happened that we were the first cars in the pack. Speed limit was 45, but on the back stretch Fred and I looked at each other and the race was on. We shut it down at 90. We figured we would get thrown out but we didn't. Loved spending time with Fred and Mary Jo, I will pull those files of memory out and enjoy them from time to time. Love you guys.*

Jan Byrd - May 13, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Jay F. "Fred" Painter*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rhonda Dalman - December 11, 2019 at 09:15 AM

NM

“ *Mary Jo, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Nancy*

nancy mcfarren - December 08, 2019 at 04:34 PM

RJ

Painter family. Just learned of Fred's passing. My deepest condolences. It was a honor to know and work with Fred those many years. Bob

Robert Jones - December 09, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ 68 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 04, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay F. "Fred" Painter.



December 04, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ I always loved spending time with Fred. Whether working on a project, (many times with our old friend Phil S.) or just sitting around talking. Such a caring, talented and thoughtful man he was! My deepest sympathies to all the family. Fred will be missed.

Dave Dedrick

David Dedrick - December 04, 2019 at 12:22 PM

DG

“ Sorry to learn of Fred's passing. He fought a long hard battle. I've known Fred a long time and he was always a hard worker with a funny spirit. I know he really enjoyed the bluegill filets I brought to him. Going to miss Fred but he is home now and pain free. Our thoughts and prayers to the Painter family. God Bless. Dan and Darlene Gerdom

Dan Getdom - December 04, 2019 at 11:25 AM

DG

“ *Dan Getdom lit a candle in memory of Jay F. "Fred" Painter*



Dan Getdom - December 04, 2019 at 11:19 AM