



## Jim Steffen

November 20, 1955 - October 20, 2024

Jim Steffen, 68 of Ossian, passed away on Sunday evening (October 20, 2024) at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jim was born on November 20, 1955, in Bluffton, Indiana to Norman E. & Rosella “Rosie” (Burkhart) Steffen. A 1974 graduate of Norwell High School, Jim owned and operated Bluffton Heating & Plumbing for many years. He also worked as the service manager for Hiday Motors – Chevrolet Store and retired from Roembke Mfg. & Design, Inc. in Ossian. Jim was very proud of his two sons and was always ready to help them in any way. In his retirement, he was actively involved and enjoyed working with his sons at The Steffen Group, Auctioneers & Real Estate.

Jim loved to go up North on snowmobiling trips, landscaping and working in his flowers. He loved to spend time with his family at Lake Wawasee.

On August 2, 1975, in rural Zanesville, Jim and Kathy M. (Burke) Steffen were married.

Survivors include his wife of almost 50 years, Kathy of Ossian and sons: Brandon M. Steffen and Brett (Nick Pronesti) Steffen, both of Fort Wayne, along with a brother Donnie (Brenda) Steffen of Bluffton. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Charlotte Steffen of Bluffton and Joyce Burke of Spring Hill, TN., and a nephew, Ryan Burke of Franklin, TN.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Steven “Steve” L. Steffen and brother-in-law, Michael L. Burke.

Visitation will take place from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Friday, (October 25, 2024) at

the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A private family service will take place on the beach of Lake Wawasee, at The Oakwood Resort with Jeff Lemler officiating.

Memorial may be made 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 Steffen family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jim Steffen*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 25, 2024 at 09:18 PM

AP

*Beautiful Tribute!!*

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**Amy Pemberton** - November 03, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Steffen.*



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October 25, 2024 at 03:55 PM

CT

“ *Chris & Asia Todd purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jim Steffen.*



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**Chris & Asia Todd** - October 25, 2024 at 07:06 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Steffen.*



October 24, 2024 at 08:01 PM



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

October 24, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *Ashtyn and Darren Dafforn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jim Steffen.*



**Ashtyn and Darren Dafforn** - October 24, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ *56 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 24, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Steffen.* ”



October 24, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ *Simons-Harris, Harris, & Wiley Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jim Steffen.* ”



**Simons-Harris, Harris, & Wiley Families** - October 23, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *Love Dawn & Kanoa purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Jim Steffen.* ”



**Love Dawn & Kanoa** - October 23, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jim Steffen.* ”



October 23, 2024 at 01:07 PM

GK

“ God Bless You All, Roger & Cheryl K purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jim Steffen.



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**God Bless You All, Roger & Cheryl K** - October 23, 2024 at 10:35 AM

GK

“ God Bless You All, Roger & Cheryl K planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Steffen.

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**God Bless You All, Roger & Cheryl K** - October 23, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BH

“ I was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Jim and wish to express my deepest sympathy to Kathy, Brandon and Bret for their loss. My thoughts are with you during this time of loss.

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**Barbara Hunter** - October 23, 2024 at 10:15 AM

GB

“ Greg & Cindy Brandt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jim Steffen.



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**Greg & Cindy Brandt** - October 22, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Steffen.



October 22, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Greg & Rachel Roembke and kids purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jim Steffen.



**Greg & Rachel Roembke and kids** - October 22, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ Greg & Rachel Roembke and kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Steffen.

**Greg & Rachel Roembke and kids** - October 22, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ The Yonker Family purchased the Gracious Laver Basket for the family of Jim Steffen.



**The Yonker Family** - October 22, 2024 at 12:34 PM

TF

“ *The Yonker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Steffen.*

**The Yonker Family** - October 22, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Steffen.*



October 22, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DG

“ *We are so saddened to learn of Jim’s passing. He was always such fun to be around. Always smiling and joking. Jim was a really hard worker and was always willing to lend a hand when needed. Jim will truly be missed by everyone he knew. The Steffen family will be in our prayers they this difficult time. The family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



**Dan Gerdom** - October 22, 2024 at 12:01 PM

AJ

“ *Alan and Jackie Jones purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jim Steffen.*



**Alan and Jackie Jones** - October 22, 2024 at 10:38 AM

DA

“ David, Katy, Caroline, Lucas & Anna purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jim Steffen.



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David, Katy, Caroline, Lucas & Anna - October 22, 2024 at 10:27 AM

DA

“ David, Katy, Caroline, Lucas & Anna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Steffen.

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David, Katy, Caroline, Lucas & Anna - October 22, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JF

“ We send our prayers and sympathies for the loss of your beloved father. 🙏🙏🙏🙏  
Harry & Jane Finch

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Jane finch - October 22, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Steffen.



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October 22, 2024 at 08:36 AM

MC

“ *Mark and Chris purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jim Steffen.*



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**Mark and Chris** - October 21, 2024 at 08:53 PM