



## Joe L. Melton

November 30, 1924 - March 13, 2012

Joe L. Melton, 87, of Bluffton passed away at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Hazard, Kentucky on November 30, 1924 to Lawrence and Lillie (Caldwell) Melton. They preceded him in death.

Joe was a World War II, U.S. Army Veteran. He retired from K-mart Corporation in 1990 with 38 years of service as a Forklift Operator. Joe was an avid bowler and had bowled a round just three weeks prior to his death. He also enjoyed eating at the Corner Depot and spending time with friends there. In his younger years, he enjoyed square dancing.

Joe is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Risser (husband: Robert) of Bluffton, a son, Joseph Brian Melton (wife: Betty Ann) of Poneto, a brother, Vernon Melton of Bluffton, a sister, Rancie Ellenberger of Bluffton, four grandchildren, Kari Renee Risser of Bluffton, Jason Robert Risser of Bluffton, Zachary Brian Melton of Poneto, and Ashley Ann Melton of Poneto. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Matthew Brian Melton in 1988, a brother Alvy Melton, two sisters, Edna Dillenger and Loretta Stauffer.

Calling hours are 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday also at the funeral

home.

Funeral services are at 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Adam Carroll officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military honors conducted by American Legion Post #111 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

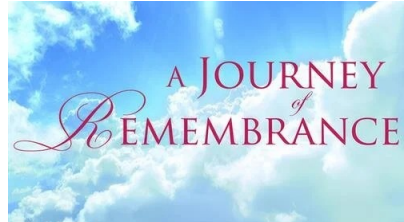
MAR **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe L. Melton*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM