



John E. Barnes

July 25, 1951 - June 18, 2024

John E. Barnes, 72 of Bluffton passed away Tuesday morning, June 18, 2024, at River Terrace Estates.

John was born on July 25, 1951 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Alva E. “Barney” & Ruth M. (Watson) Barnes. A 1969 graduate of New Haven High School, John worked at Hires Auto Parts and Villa North Motors for many years. John volunteered to help with the Dream Team, especially with the Hoop Shoot. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the Bluffton Elks Lodge # 796.

Survivors include his son, Travis (Jackie) Barnes of Bluffton and his 3 grandchildren, Parker, Kenzie & Zayden Barnes of Bluffton and a brother, Phil R. (Sharon) Barnes of Fort Wayne.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert “Bob” A. Barnes in 2000 and a sister, Jeanne L. Burton in 2018.

A private family service will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in John’s memory to the Dream Team.

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 family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall

DP

“ I have crazy memories of John from school and from his Facebook posts. Blessings to you his family.

Deb Coburn Plummer - July 25, 2024 at 12:40 PM

JC

“ We had some good and bad times back in the day-old buddy !! R.I.P. my old friend !!



Junior Copeland - July 18, 2024 at 08:16 AM

SK

“ RIP John.

Steve Kunkel - June 21, 2024 at 07:46 AM