

Joseph C. Hollopeter

December 9, 1942 - December 19, 2025

Joseph C. Hollopeter, 83 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday afternoon, December 19, 2025, at the Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Joe was born on December 9, 1942, in Harlan, IN. to George Sherman and Goldie M. (Smith) Hollopeter. Joe served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for 35 years at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne, retiring in 2000. He was a big Nascar fan and enjoyed watching sports, especially basketball and football. He could be found working in his yard or fishing. He was a member of American Legion Post #111 in Bluffton.

On November 27, 1982, Joe and Donna J. (Terhune) Hollopeter were married at Epworth United Methodist Church in Bluffton. They shared 43 years of marriage together.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Hollopeter and two sons, David J. Hollopeter and Timothy R. Hollopeter, all of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Sarah Hope Hollopeter and his siblings, David S. Hollopeter and Goldie Litten.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 7 P.M. on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Tony Garton officiating.

Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, with full military honors by the United States Navy Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

DEC **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Tribute Wall



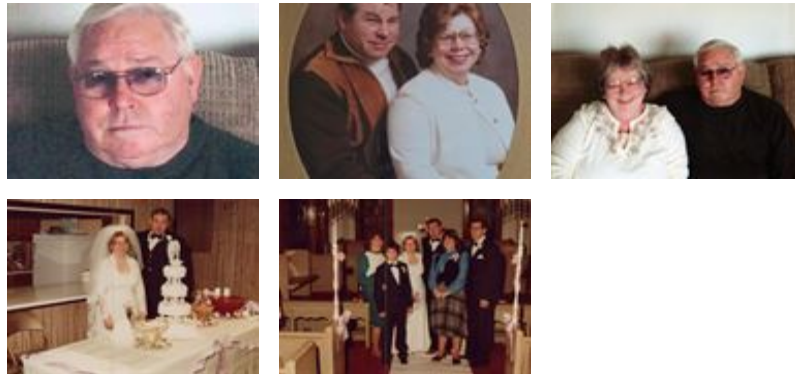
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