



## Joseph A. LaMar

February 16, 1937 - September 21, 2022

Mr. Joseph A. LaMar, 85 of Bluffton, passed away on Wednesday evening, September 21, 2022 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

He was born on February 16, 1937 in Connerville, Indiana to Dean C. & Mary J. (Glaub) LaMar. Joe graduated from Springfield High School in Franklin County in 1955. Following graduation, Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was on active duty for two years, receiving multiple service medals. He then joined the Army Reserves, retiring after 20 years of service. Joe moved to Wells County in 1960. He was a tool grinder at Hower Tool for 25 years, retiring in 1999. He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post #111 and the Bluffton Masonic Lodge #145. On April 13, 1973 in Bluffton, Joe and Marjorie Biddle were married. They shared 48 years of marriage until her passing on July 1, 2021.

Survivors included their children; Jennifer L. LaMar of Ligonier, Michael J. (Stacy) LaMar of Middletown, Matthew J. (Patricia) LaMar of Fort Wayne, Rebecca S. (Sam) Ringger, David M. Liddy and Terry L. (Pam) Liddy, all of Bluffton, along with 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren and a sister Patricia Wehr of Connerville.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Marjorie and two sisters; Barbara Smith & Deanna Beach.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. on Saturday (Sept. 24, 2022) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Steve Bard officiating. There will be a Masonic Memorial Service that will be conducted as

part of the funeral service. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton, with military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Visitation will be held from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday, prior to the service. The family prefers that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church in Joe's memory instead of flower arrangements.

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](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph A. LaMar*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 24, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Dear LaMar/Libbey family, I just wanted to send my Family's condolences to your Families. My son and I were church members of Joe's. He and Marge were wonderful people. I pray that you all know how much Joe was an amazing guy. My dad was also in the Masonic with Joe. My thoughts and prayers are with the families. Jennifer and Dane Jesse.*

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**Jennifer Jesse** - September 27, 2022 at 10:24 PM

JG

“ I'm so VERY sorry for your loss. How fast the years pass ... I actually looked at Joe's phone number today and thought about calling him tomorrow, so seeing his name in the paper really threw me. What a stand-up guy.

We have such great memories of Joe (and Marge)! We always stopped in on Halloween and enjoyed a little beverage time & snack after our trick-or-treat run. They welcomed my kids with open & loving arms.

Joe never missed a veterans day program at Norwell - giving me, and the NMS staff and students a chance to thank and honor him for his service. I have more pictures - will include when I find them. The Quilt of Valor he received is a family heirloom - please pass it down to a worthy family member so they can continue to celebrate Joe and his service to our country.

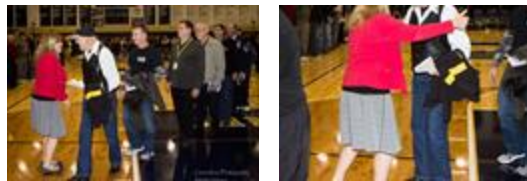
God speed, Joe - and thanks for the memories! Give Marge a squeeze from us!

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**Jody Gates** - September 24, 2022 at 03:21 PM

JG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jody Gates** - September 24, 2022 at 03:10 PM

BK

“ Condolences to family and friends of Joe. As first cousins on his Mom, Mary's family, we did not have opportunity to visit much with Joe, but such a neat guy he was! May he rest in peace. Surely he is busy being reunited with Marge, his parents, sisters, and all those who have gone before

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**Betty Klein** - September 24, 2022 at 12:06 PM

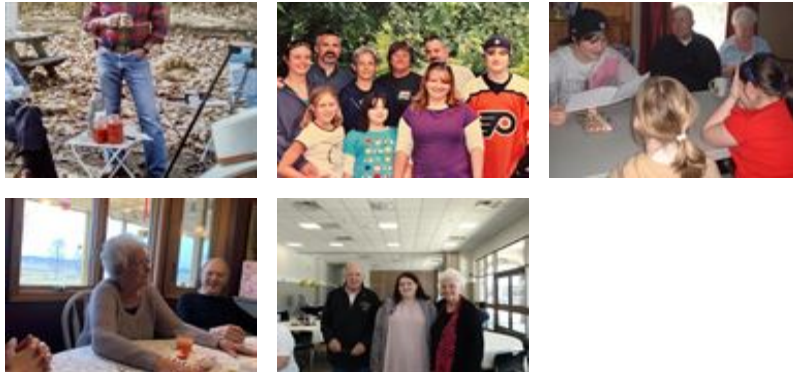
LM

“ Joe was a very kind man whose smile entered the room before he did. He and Marge are reunited. RIP my friend. Hugs to his family.

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**Louise Miller** - September 23, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 23, 2022 at 01:29 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Michele Counts** - September 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM

TP

“ *Heartfelt Condolences - Todd Pezley*

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**Todd Pezley** - September 22, 2022 at 02:47 PM

ME

*Jenifer, Michael and Matthew, sorry for your loss, Duane and I have fond memories of Uncle Joe. Prayers and condolences to all of you and extended family of Uncle Joe. Love, your cousins, Melissa and Duane*

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**Melissa** - September 22, 2022 at 05:11 PM