



Joseph P. Leitner

March 23, 1966 - September 10, 2025

Joseph Paul Leitner, 59 of Bluffton, passed away on Wednesday morning, September 10, 2025, at his residence.

Joe was born on March 23, 1966, in Bluffton, Indiana to Joseph John and Carol Joan (Musselman) Leitner. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1984. He owned and operated First Place Hobbies in Bluffton and for the last 15 years he worked at Bi-County Services as a consumer advocate. Joe's greatest joy was his children. He loved spending time with them and sharing pictures and stories about them. He also enjoyed drawing, trips to the state park and gathering family around a campfire.

He is survived by his children; Travis, Makenna and Molly Leitner and beloved boxer, Roxy, all of Bluffton, and his siblings; Debbie Leitner of Fort Wayne, Lisa (Steve) Bye of Harrisburg, PA., Valerie Leitner of Greenfield, IN., Kim (Steve) Weachock of Columbia City, and Chuck Leitner of Fort Wayne along with aunts Judy Canady and Becky Musselman, uncle Merlin Lemke and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 4 to 6 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Private family burial will take place at a later date at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Memorials to assist his children can be made payable to Chuck Leitner.

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

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 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 Joseph P. Leitner*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 18, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss...Joe you will be missed dearly. I'll miss seeing and talking to you on Wednesdays at Market st. We will all miss you!!*

Tabatha Yvonne Perry - September 18, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 18, 2025 at 12:31 PM

BG

“ Hi Debbie, So sorry to see that your brother Joseph passed away. Thinking of you. BJ Gray



Beryl Gray - September 16, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph P. Leitner.



September 16, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph P. Leitner.



September 16, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph P. Leitner.



September 15, 2025 at 10:03 AM



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

September 15, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ Travis, Molly and Makenna, I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing. We worked together when we were both at Bi- County. He was such a good and easy going man and always talked about all of you, beaming with love and the sparkle in his eyes. I'm so sorry for your loss

Terry Miller - September 14, 2025 at 10:45 PM



“ You'll forever be missed. Thank you for helping me learn so much Thank you for letting me be ur supervisor Thank you for caring the way that you did. Fly high and rest easy....



Ashley Rohde - September 13, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ Travis, Molly and Makenna
Prayers for you. The love your father had for you was always evident in my office. I am so sorry for your loss.
Joyce Fischer

joyce fischer - September 13, 2025 at 02:43 PM

DS

“ *Travis, Molly and McKenna, I'm so sorry to see this. Prayers for all if you.*
Debi & Sassy



Debra Smith - September 13, 2025 at 11:23 AM

PN

“ *Paul & Julie Thelen, Kathy & Bob Nixon purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph P. Leitner.*



Paul & Julie Thelen, Kathy & Bob Nixon - September 13, 2025 at 10:46 AM

VB

“ *I remember every summer the family would come to Wisconsin to visit all the Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Something I always looked forward to. Joe and his siblings loved coming to our farm and check out the farm animals. I still can hear that Indiana accent that I loved. My sympathy goes out to Joe's family and his siblings. I miss you all. Hugs and prayers!*
Vic & Ellen Brault (Joe's cousin)

Vic & Ellen Brault - September 12, 2025 at 09:31 PM

JS

*Joe's siblings and children,
So sorry to hear this. We always looked forward to the family coming to Wisconsin to visit. Joes family usually stayed with us at the farm. It was so fun when we all piled into a few bedrooms at night to sleep. Great memories!*

Unfortunately it always seemed like Joe would get hurt at some point in the visit. Great times!!

Love Jean (Joes cousin) and Pat Shimon

jean shimon - September 15, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ *Carol Carrillo lit a candle in memory of Joseph Leitner*



Carol Carrillo - September 12, 2025 at 10:12 AM