



## Joseph Dean Garrett

April 14, 1920 - March 1, 2009

Joseph Dean Garrett, 88, Bluffton, died at 5:06 a.m. Sunday at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Mr. Garrett graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1937. He graduated from Purdue University in 1941 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. His business career included time as an engineer with Chevrolet in Warren, Mich., owning a manufacturing business in Orchard Lake, Mich., and owning a restaurant in Sturgis, Mich. He lived several years in Michigan, 10 years in Rome City, Ind., eight years in Bradenton, Fla., two years in Frankfort, Ind., and eight years in Wells County. He attended the Liberty Center Baptist Church. He was born April 14, 1920 in Liberty Center, to Chase Orin Garrett and Nellie Popejoy Garrett. He married Eleanor McGuffie Dec. 13, 1944, in Honolulu, Hawaii; his wife died April 25, 1987. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Kilgore of Bluffton; two sons, Gregory Garrett of Bluffton and Richard (Wendelene) Garrett of Liberty Center; six grandchildren, Janet Powers, Brent (Kara) Garrett, and Sam Garrett, all of Bluffton, Rebecca (Scott) Garrett-Moses of Madison Heights, Mich. Taneka Apps of Petroleum, and Chase (Bethany) Garrett of Kalamazoo, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Kurtz of Liberty Center. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney, and Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton. Services will be held at 2 p.m.

Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Dan Sommer officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton. Online condolences: [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
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Bluffton, IN 46714  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Dean Garrett*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joseph Dean Garrett*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *We send our sympathy to Dean's family. We remember him and his wife when they came to Liberty Center to visit his mother and father. It was a blessing to reconnect with him a few years ago when he moved back to the Bluffton area.*

*Our prayers are with his family and his sister, Betty. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Haiflich##imported-end##*

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