



## Joy J. Hann

June 5, 1954 - February 1, 2023

Joy J. Hann, 68 of Bluffton, passed away on Wednesday morning, February 1, 2023, at Markle Health & Rehab. Center.

Joy was born on June 5, 1954 in Muncie, Indiana to James E. & Carleen (Cronin) Hann. She was a 1972 graduate of Wes Del Jr./Sr. High School. She graduated from Ball State with a bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She then received her master's degree in Speech Pathology from Indiana State University. Following graduation, Joy worked at Eastbrook Community Schools, Gibson County ARC and spent most of her career with Adams-Wells Special Services Co-Op, where she was assigned to Poplar Grove and Northern Wells Schools before retirement.

Everyone who knew Joy, knows she loved her family fiercely, would do anything for anyone, loved dogs, and always had a friendly smile. Joy was an avid supporter of Carroll Cougars, Northridge Raiders, and Wabash College, as she enjoyed attending many sporting events to cheer on her nephews and great nieces and nephews. Joy was heavily involved in her community as well. She was involved in Psi Iota Xi, Indiana State Teachers Association and Indiana Speech and Hearing Association. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, where she was a member of the choir and Presbyterian Women. She was a coach and chaperone for the Special Olympics and was an advocate for Bobbi Handshoe. Joy shared her love of music being a member of the Melody Makers Choral and Wells County Women's Chorus thru Home Extension. Joy loved children and was an

assistant Girl Scout leader to Barb Dickson and a leader for one year. Survivors include her nephews Douglas (Alice) Springer of Bristol and Chad (Tracy) Springer of Cutler, brother-in-law Kennard Springer and great nieces and nephews, step-brother Roger Spidel, step-sister Sharon Glenn, step-sister-in-law Lauradell Spidel, and many step-nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a step-mother Hazel, a sister Caren D. Springer, an infant brother James D. Hann, a step-brother Scott Spidel, and a step-brother-in-law Jim Glenn.

A Celebration of Life service will take place on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 2 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton with an hour of calling prior to the service. Rev. Lyle Ewing will officiate. Private family burial will take place at Elm Ridge Memorial Park in Muncie.

Memorials may be made in Joy's memory to Special Olympics or Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter.

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 Hann family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Ridge Memorial Park

4600 W. Kilgore Ave  
Muncie, IN 47304

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
215 East Dustman Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joy J. Hann*

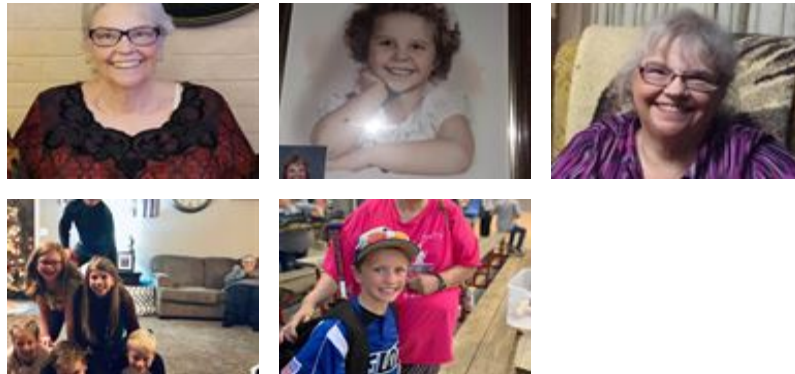


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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 04, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *68 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 02, 2023 at 03:00 PM

JB

“ *I knew Joy through the Corner Depot/Hoosier House where I work. It always brightened my day to see her! She radiated sweetness and kindness! She had such a beautiful smile, and truly lived up to her name. I am going to miss her greatly! My sympathies to her family. --Jessica Braun*

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**Jessica Braun** - February 28, 2023 at 09:26 AM

HM

“ My son was a student of Joy’s from preschool through grade 4. We even took any extra summer classes with her when available. He enjoyed the games they played together. She was the only teacher he requested to invite to his high school graduation party. She apparently left a positive impression on him. It was always a JOY to run into her out and about. Sorry to hear of her passing.

Heather Mosser - February 04, 2023 at 02:23 PM

SK

“ Joy always brought sunshine when we had our group lunches. She was always smiling and caring. She was a good leader in our choir and always stepped in to help go to meetings and everything. Lovely alto voice. Just always happy/ Joy matched her name. Good friend.

Shara Kuhns - February 03, 2023 at 11:42 PM

CL

“ A Bright light has been dimmed here on earth but now shines brightly in heaven  
Joy was a sweet lady who I got to know in the Wells County Chorus. She was very involved with it and we enjoyed having her join us to sing. Deepest sympathy to her family. Carol Lochtefeld

Carol Lochtefeld - February 02, 2023 at 05:55 PM

DG

“ Joy was a such a wonderful lady. She really enjoyed her job helping children with their speech. She really helped our son with his speech. Joy was a gifted person. The Hann family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - February 01, 2023 at 10:19 PM