



Joy A. Patterson

January 24, 1937 - June 15, 2026

Joy A. Patterson, 89, of Bluffton, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2026, at Christian Care with her family by her side.

Joy was born on January 24, 1937, in Union City, IN. to Harry William and Thelma Pauline (Fields) James. She attended Portland High School and graduated from Union City High School in 1954. Joy held a variety of jobs, including working for Franklin Electric, Bluffton-Harrison Schools as a bus driver and as kitchen help. She was a Deputy Clerk Treasurer for the City of Bluffton, a Meter Reader and police secretary. She was a truck driver for Helena Chemical and a book keeper for the town of Vera Cruz. Joy enjoyed knitting, playing cards and doing puzzles and sewing. She was active in playing tennis and pickleball, bowling, coaching girls baseball and attending the sporting events and activities of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joy was a member of a card club and Six Mile Church. Joy and her friend, Gerry Claghorn did the crafts for Bible school and decorated the church for many years.

Joy married LaRelle "Charlie" Corle on August 18, 1955 in Decatur. He preceded her in death in 1974. Then, on May 3, 1985, Joy and Douglas B. Patterson were married in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were blessed with 41 years of marriage together. Joy and Doug enjoyed spending time at the Salamonie campground and were members of the Trail Riders.

Survivors include her husband, Doug Patterson of Bluffton, and her children; Curt (Rae Jean) Corle of Bluffton, Cassi (Mike) Hill of Markle, Chris (Georgie)

Corle of Bluffton, Carla Corle of Bluffton, Sheryl Roush of Zionsville and Susanne (Stewart) Reed of Zionsville. She was a loving and supportive Grandma to 18 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She will be remembered by her sisters, Judy McCormick of Bluffton and Jackie Saying of El Segundo, CA., and her sister-in-law, Vickie Studebaker of Bluffton. As Joy requested, private family services have taken place with burial at Gearnand Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society and may be directed through the funeral home.

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

Gearnand Cemetery

6174S 400E
Bluffton, IN