



## Karyn J. Gilly

March 8, 1951 - July 6, 2023

Karyn Jo Gilly, 72 of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday afternoon, July 6, 2023, at her residence in Bluffton, surrounded by her family.

Karyn was born on March 8, 1951 in Muncie to Charles Foltz and Bonnie (Deaton) Roehrborn. She graduated from Muncie Southside High School in 1969. She received her Associates Degree in Business from Ivy Tech, and her bachelor's degree in Business from Indiana Tech. Karyn served as the Manager of Patient Accounts at Jay County Hospital for several years and was the Director of Patient Accounts at Bluffton Regional Medical Center from 1998 to 2013. She was most recently working at the City of Bluffton Clerk Treasurer's Office. She was active in the Optimist Club in both Portland and Bluffton, and served as the Lieutenant Governor of the Indiana North District Optimist. Karyn was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton. On December 5, 1969, in Jay County, Indiana, Karyn and Larry A. Gilly were married. They celebrated 51 years of marriage prior to his death in 2020. The couple lived in Portland until 2000, when they moved to Bluffton.

Survivors include a son; Matt (Hollie) Gilly of Bluffton, and two daughters; Tonya (Matthew) Claycomb of Pennville and Mindi (Lance) Sprunger of Berne, nine grandchildren; Shelby (Joe) Kipfer of Bluffton, Tyler Claycomb of Conroe, TX, Noah Claycomb of Hickory, NC, Lathan Luginbill of Berne, Makenna (Fiancé Trace Bauer) Luginbill of Decatur, Kit Sprunger of Berne, Aidan (Fiancé Megan Flesher) Gilly of Bluffton, Micah Gilly and Hallie Gilly, both of Bluffton, along with two great-granddaughters; Arianna Jo and Clara Lynn

Kipfer both of Bluffton. She is also survived by her siblings; Charles "Chuck" (Nancy) Foltz of Hendersonville, NC, Carl (Vicky) Foltz of Fort Wayne, Christopher Foltz of Poneto, Mark (Angie) Foltz of Topeka, KS, Susan (Kevin) Maheffey of Lake Lure, NC, a stepsister, Connie Lynn Goodwin of Muncie and a sister-in-law, Faye (John) Horn of Fuquay Varina, NC, along with several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Larry, parents, her stepmother Johnnie Marcum and a sister, Kathie Cook.

Visitation will be held from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Wednesday (July 12, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. An Optimist Service will be held at the conclusion of calling hours on Wednesday.

A funeral service will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday (July 13, 2023) at the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service and Pastor Les Cantrell officiating.

Burial will follow at I.O.O.F Cemetery in Pennville. Memorials can be made in Karyn's memory to the Bluffton Optimist Club. 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 family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F - Twin Hills Cemetery

7727 W 400 N  
Pennville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUL 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

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JUL 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - July 12, 2023 at 03:24 PM

RS

“ *2 files added to the album Optimist*



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**Roger A Sherer** - July 12, 2023 at 09:55 AM

MF

“ *Our sympathy to the family and all those who were touched by the loving kindness of Karen. She touched our life and so many others through her work in the Optimist.  
Michael and Lillian Fisher*

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**Michael and Lillian Fisher** - July 12, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karyn J. Gilly.*

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July 12, 2023 at 04:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karyn J. Gilly.*



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July 12, 2023 at 04:52 AM



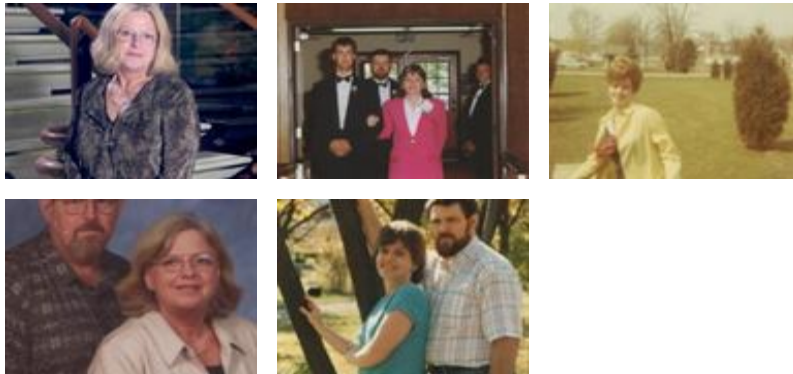
“ *Karyn was such a joy to get to know in the Griefshare class she came to. We count her as a lovely friend we made as she walked through the grief journey a few years ago. Now she's reached her ultimate destination and we will always remember her. Sue and John Dowling*

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**Sue and John Dowling** - July 11, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *153 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home** - July 11, 2023 at 02:23 PM

KH

“ Tonya and family, My sympathy to you, I always enjoyed working with your Mother at Bluffton Regional. She had a positive and pleasant outlook on life's challenges. Karen Hunnicutt

Karen K Hunnicutt - July 11, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karyn J. Gilly.

July 10, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karyn J. Gilly.



July 10, 2023 at 04:11 PM

BD

“ So sorry to hear about Karyn... she was such a light and I enjoyed seeing her when she would come to see Larry. Sending prayers for your family.

Beverly Durham - July 09, 2023 at 03:02 PM

MI

Thank you! She thought a lot of you!

Mindi - July 10, 2023 at 11:07 PM

JH

*Tonya, Matt, Mindi, Shelby, I'm so sorry for your loss, you all are in our prayers for peace, comfort, and strength. Our love goes out to you. I know your mother is in a better place and not suffering anymore. We love you all. John & Fay Horn*

**John & Fay Horn** - July 13, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karyn J. Gilly.*



July 09, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karyn J. Gilly.*



July 08, 2023 at 12:53 PM

TR

“ *So sorry to hear this. She was a sweet, wonderful lady and friend and will be missed.*

*Tami Runyon*



**Tami Runyon** - July 07, 2023 at 08:49 PM

MI

*Thank you !*

**Mindi** - July 10, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karyn J. Gilly.



July 07, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ Sorry to learn of Karyn’s passing. Karyn was a lot of fun to be around and was always willing to pitch in to help with Optimist projects. Going to miss her at our weekly meetings. The Gilly family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



**Dan Gerdom** - July 07, 2023 at 09:17 AM



Thank you!

**Mindi** - July 10, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a precious soul. I worked under Karyn for several years. She was funny, definitely a hard worker and a dear friend to me. Praying for comfort for you all.

**Margo** - July 06, 2023 at 10:48 PM



Oh Margo! Than you so much! My mom loved you!

**Mindi** - July 10, 2023 at 11:08 PM

PN

*So sorry for your loss. It was always great to see her when she came to our family events. I loved to hear her talk and her accent.*

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**Pamela Van Ness** - July 11, 2023 at 01:08 PM