



Kaye A. Ivins

January 15, 1935 - August 18, 2025

Kaye A. Ivins, 90 of Bluffton, passed away on Monday morning, August 18, 2025, at his residence.

He was born on January 15, 1935, in Wells County, Indiana to Arnold & Gladys (Haughton) Ivins and graduated from Liberty Center High School with the class of 1954. It was during high school that Kaye met Juanita J. Wood, and they were married on July 9, 1955, at the Liberty Center Baptist Church by Rev. Raymond King. They have shared a loving marriage for the last 70 years.

Kaye worked at the Bluffton News-Banner for 32 years in various positions, such as press operator, film developer and ad compositor. He also worked at Dunwiddie Heating & Plumbing and retired from the maintenance department of Peyton's Northern. He was known as the "butterfly man" and volunteered many hours at the Ouabache State Park, releasing butterflies and building and installing blue bird boxes. A true family man, he never knew a stranger and always looked forward to the family trips to the Michigan Dunes. He was a member of the Bluffton Church of the Nazarene for many years.

Survivors include his wife Juanita J. Ivins, along with 3 children: Pam (Angel) Bermudez, Liane (Sam) Hirschy and Cory (Shelly) Ivins, all of Bluffton, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Virginia Ivins of Bluffton.

Kaye is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Edson Ivins, Lucille Blair, Ivan Ivins and twin brothers, Ronald & Donald Ivins.

A graveside service will be held at 3 P.M. on Wednesday, (August 27, 2025) at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with Pastor Tim Miller & Pastor Scott Keiser officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene, Wells County Food Bank or Friends of the Ouabache State Park.

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

PUBLIC GRAVESIDE SERVICE

AUG 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall

ZA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We know that he is in heaven now. We will keep you Juanita and the family in our prayers. Dan and Rose

Zonda Anderson - September 05, 2025 at 12:42 PM

AM

“ My sincere condolences to the whole family. Kaye was one of my best friends while in school.

ARNOLD MAGGARD - August 26, 2025 at 06:51 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Kaye A. Ivins.



August 25, 2025 at 11:44 PM



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

August 25, 2025 at 11:44 PM

MR

“ CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE IVINS FROM MARK & DIANE REED

MARK REED - August 25, 2025 at 07:16 PM

PR

“ Premier Truck Rental purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kaye A. Ivins.



Premier Truck Rental - August 25, 2025 at 04:57 PM

JR

“ Pam and your family. I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Thinking of all of you and sending my thoughts and prayers to you.

Jane Russell - August 25, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kaye A. Ivins.



August 24, 2025 at 09:31 PM

RL

“ I am so sad to hear about Kaye's passing. I was your neighbor next door for many years. Becky Zoll
Kaye was so nice and fun. I remember playing with Pam and LeAnn and staying in your cabover camper in your backyard. Great memories. Juanita found my mom when she had fallen and broke her hip and made sure she got to the hospital.
Thank God for such caring and kind neighbors. May Kaye rest in peace.

Rebecca Loperccio - August 21, 2025 at 08:30 PM

EH

“ Dear Juanita and Ivins family, it hurt my heart to hear that Kaye had passed. Juanita, you and Kaye have been wonderful neighbors. I cherish the times we've been able to share recipes, vegetables and just chatting. I will miss the garden and lawn care conversations and can't forget the butterflies. I always appreciated his taking time to plow and shovel during the snowy winters. Tim and I will sorely miss Kaye. Juanita, I love you and as I've told you, I'm here for you if and when you have a need or even when you don't. I keep you all in my prayers. May our Heavenly Father give you peace and comfort you in His loving arms. Love, Ellen (Vaughn) Hobbs



Ellen Hobbs - August 20, 2025 at 02:41 AM

DG

“ Sorry to learn of Kaye's passing. Always enjoyed talking with Kaye over the years. He really loved nature and being outdoors. He was always sharing that passion with everyone he met. Kaye had a love for the state park. Kaye will be truly missed. The Ivan's family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom

Dan Gerdom - August 19, 2025 at 09:38 AM