

## Kenneth "Tom" Terhune

May 14, 1930 - April 25, 2016

Kenneth Thomas "Tom" Terhune 85 of Bluffton passed away at 9:02 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2016, at Signature Health & Rehab. Center in Bluffton. Tom was born on May 14, 1930 in Wells County to Daniel E. & Edith Jane (Frantz) Terhune. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1948 and retired as a Sergeant for the Bluffton Police Department in 1973. Tom also worked for the Wells County Sheriff's office and served two terms on the City of Bluffton as a City Councilman. He also worked as a credit adjuster for both Ossian State Bank and Norwest Bank in Bluffton. He attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton along with his lifetime membership in the F.O.P.

On June 26, 1949 Tom & Dorothy Mae (Steffen) were married. They have shared the last 66 years together.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Bluffton along with children: Keith D. (Patty) Terhune of Olympia, WA, Kim Smith of Fort Wayne and Kent E. Terhune of Vera Cruz, daughter-in-law Susan Terhune of FL. along with 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sister-in-law's: Marcia Terhune and Helen Terhune both of Bluffton.

Tom is preceded in death by a son Rev. David A. Terhune in 2014 along with two sisters; Edna Crow and Violet Barnell and five brothers; Elmer, Alva, Jesse, Dean and Rex Terhune.

A service to celebrate Tom's life will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday (April 30, 2016) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow

at Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Wells County. Memorials may be made to City of Bluffton Turn Around Awards Program and payable to the Wells County Foundation.

Tom's funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the 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

## Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery

2001 S 700 W-1  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 2:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 30. 9:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Tom" Terhune*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Teresa Roop lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth "Tom" Terhune*



**Teresa Roop** - June 18, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *Tamara Anderson lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth "Tom" Terhune*



**Tamara Anderson** - April 30, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *We send our condolences to the family, we are praying for your  
comfort and peace In this time of loss.*

**Jerry and Cindy Dillon** - April 29, 2016 at 07:21 PM

TM

“ Teresa Moser lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Teresa Moser** - April 29, 2016 at 04:10 PM

TM

*Tom was a great man. The Terhune family will be in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.*  
Teresa (Herring) Moser

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**Teresa Moser** - April 29, 2016 at 04:12 PM

KF

*Thinking of the family during this time of sorrow & hoping you find some comfort in a life well-lived.*

*Kathy Reiff Foreman*

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**Kathy Foreman** - May 10, 2016 at 09:11 AM

KB

*I know there are no words except knowing that Tom is with his Lord and Savior. So Sorry for your loss. I have been praying for the family since I heard.*

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**Katherine Bedwell** - May 16, 2016 at 02:40 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune.*



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April 29, 2016 at 11:10 AM

MJ

“ To Dorothy and family...our prayers and thoughts are with you through this most sorrowful time. Makaye and Howard Vaughn Jr

Makaye and Howard Vaughn Jr - April 28, 2016 at 06:33 PM

SD

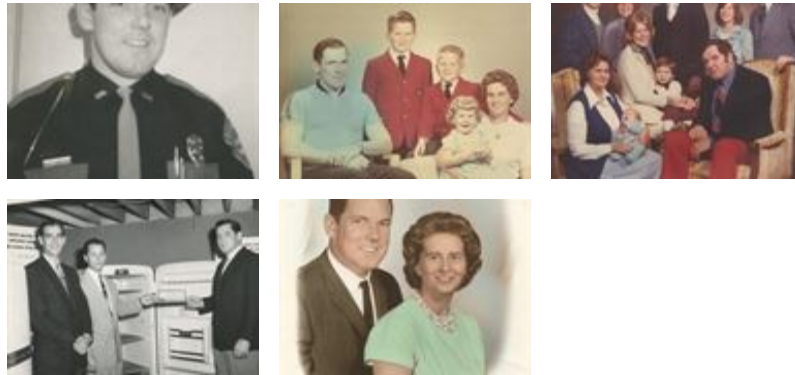
“ Sandra & Randy Davis lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



Sandra & Randy Davis - April 28, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - April 28, 2016 at 02:41 PM

NM

“ Nolan And Suzanne Markley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



Nolan and Suzanne Markley - April 28, 2016 at 02:26 PM

TB

“ *One of the Best Times in my life*

*Tom and I had many adventures together when we worked the migrant camps in Bluffton, Ossian, and Petroleum for three years. He purchased a trailer and a sound system so we could move from camp to camp delivering food, showing evangelistic films, and giving testimonies. We also traveled to McAllen Texas to look up the people we met in those camps the previous three years. We traveled from McAllen, to Edinberg, Mission, Mercedes, Brownsville, and Harligen, and many other small towns. The look on people's faces was priceless. They never dreamed two men from Bluffton would come to visit. They saw us on their porches, in a paint shop, even a high school locker room, where a young man had injured his ankle. He was totally shocked to look up from the stretcher to seeing us standing over him and offering prayer. What fun. They realized we cared about them. Tom was the best person I could have taken with me. They all called us big Tom and little Tom wherever we went. On to Monterrey, Mexico by way of a 1953 Trail Ways bus to visit a missionary. We went door to door praying for individuals, witnessing to them and inviting them to church for evening services where Tom testified and I preached to them about the love & forgiveness in Jesus. Tom Terhune was my partner in ministry and my friend, we had great times together. That trip opened the door for six more teams to make such trips over the next several years. (82 people in all) You will be missed Tom.  
Pastor Tom Bradley*

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**Tom Bradley** - April 28, 2016 at 09:15 AM

SB

“ *Sharon K Bennett lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune*



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**Sharon K Bennett** - April 28, 2016 at 08:17 AM

CS

“ Cindy Stiles lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



Cindy Stiles - April 28, 2016 at 07:49 AM

BG

“ I knew Tom and his family from back in the 50's and always enjoyed talking to him anytime and anywhere. As a little kid I would look up at and to him and believed he was larger and bigger than the Jolly Green Giant.

*My prayers to out to his family and friends. You will be missed sir.*

*Bill Gallivan*

Bill Gallivan - April 28, 2016 at 04:11 AM

MB

“ Tom was such a great friend! Michael spent many good times talking with him at the Dutch Mill. :) He also has great memories of Tom being his soul-winning partner and teaching Tom voice lessons because he wanted to sing in the choir. Renee' & Michael both enjoyed Tom & Dorothy visiting us in Flint when our 23 year old son was a baby. We have a treasured picture of him holding Andrew, which they often did. :) Michael's favorite quote from Tom becomes more and more appropriate with each passing year: "When you reach a certain age, whatever doesn't hurt, doesn't work!." He is much loved and will be missed. Our prayers are with you all.



Michael & Renee' Brown - April 27, 2016 at 03:43 PM

DL

“ So sorry for your the loss of Tom. I pray God will give all of the family comfort and peace during this time. A special prayer for Dorothy.

Deloris Lepfter - April 27, 2016 at 03:01 PM

KA

“ The last time I saw Tom, I played the Gaither's CD while he and Dorothy listened and enjoyed every song together. A beautiful sight to see! Kathy Quillen

Kathy - April 27, 2016 at 01:56 PM

KQ

“ Kathy & Glen Quillen lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



Kathy & Glen Quillen - April 27, 2016 at 01:52 PM

RM

“ Dear Tom, You have been a great friend and an inspiration to me. Rest in Peace my friend. I'll see you in the kingdom.  
Roger Miller

Roger Miller - April 27, 2016 at 12:56 PM

RB

“ He is a great man! Such an awesome testimony & it was exciting to see him want to share his faith with those he cared about! Your family has always held a very special place in our hearts and memories ever since we met you and shared so much with you there in Bluffton! I have pics of Dorothy & Tom holding out son, Andrew (now 23) when they came to Flint to visit us when he was just a few months old. :) Precious treasures... Renee' Brown



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**Renee' Brown** - April 27, 2016 at 12:40 PM

CH

“ Tom truly was a great person and will be sadly missed. I am 64 and do not remember not knowing Tom. As a child he spent time with all the children in Bluffton and was the one person we all looked up to. Wells County has been blessed by Tom Terhune and he can never be replaced in our hearts. He was always served Wells County and Bluffton.

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**Calvin Higdon** - April 27, 2016 at 12:22 PM

JM

“ May God be near to you in this time of loss.  
Janice Miller

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**Janice Miller** - April 27, 2016 at 12:22 PM

KG

“ Katee Gerber lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Katee Gerber** - April 27, 2016 at 11:15 AM

NL

“ My thoughts and Prayers are with all of you in your loss. Tom was a great man! We have all lost a dear friend. I hope God grants you in Peace and Love, Sincerely, Narda Lewis ( Mrs. Jesse Lewis)



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**Narda Lewis** - April 27, 2016 at 07:17 AM

BR

“ Brenda sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**brenda** - April 27, 2016 at 05:31 AM

BR

*you were a man of true strength and respected well among all of us who knew you. Know how much you all are loved...*

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**brenda** - April 27, 2016 at 05:33 AM

CL

“ Crystal (Flowers) Loshe lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Crystal (Flowers) Loshe** - April 26, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune*



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**Paula Sullivan** - April 26, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Tom was a great man and he was a great bus driver thoughts and prayers for his family*

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**Tonya Sills** - April 26, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ *Darol And Carol Myers lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune*



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**Darol and Carol Myers** - April 26, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *I only worked with Tom a few years on the Bluffton Police Dept. until he retired. He was a good guy to work with. When ever we saw each other we would always have a friendly chat. He will be missed and my prayers for the family.*

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**Dan Gerdom** - April 26, 2016 at 11:26 AM

DG

“ Dan Gerdom lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Dan Gerdom** - April 26, 2016 at 11:23 AM

CM

“ Chuck & Annette Miller lit a candle in memory  
of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Chuck & Annette Miller** - April 26, 2016 at 08:22 AM

RA

“ Ruth Allen lit a candle in memory of Kenneth  
"Tom" Terhune



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**Ruth Allen** - April 26, 2016 at 02:28 AM

TL

“ Tami Grice LeFever lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Tami Grice LeFever** - April 25, 2016 at 05:42 PM

KF

“ Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Ken and Jeannie Flowers** - April 25, 2016 at 05:33 PM

SS

“ Sheila Soto lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Sheila Soto** - April 25, 2016 at 04:18 PM

DS

“ Doug Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Tom" Terhune



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**Doug Sawyer** - April 25, 2016 at 01:18 PM