



## Kenneth L. "Bummy" Baumgartner

May 19, 1938 - February 11, 2011

Kenneth L. "Bummy" Baumgartner, 72, Bluffton, died at 9:24 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Adams County on May 19, 1938 to Russell L. and Pauline (Clowser) Baumgartner, he married Susie James in Bluffton in 1970; she survives. Ken was a supervisor at Corning Glass Company for 19 years. After the closing of Corning, he worked at PHD, Inc. in Huntington for 20 years before retiring in 2005. He was a graduate of Adams Central High School and attended college for one year. He was an avid golfer, a former member of the Parlor City Country Club and the Green Valley Golf Club. A member of the local Elks and Moose lodges, he also enjoyed fishing, woodworking and telling stories to his grandchildren. Other survivors include his children, Kerry Baumgartner of Garrett, Kevin (Penny) Baumgartner of Decatur, Kendra (Robert) Mendez of Decatur, Greg (Erin) Norris of Ossian and Angela Norris of Bluffton; a sister, Diana Gase of Warsaw; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Baumgartner of Decatur; eight grandchildren, Alexis (Brandon) Swanson of Ossian, Austin and Ty Mendez of Decatur, Chase and Marissa Carter of Bluffton, Dane, Drew and Kayla Baumgartner of Garrett; and one great-granddaughter, Kalli Swanson of Ossian. He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Baumgartner. Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with certified celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday for one hour prior to the service. An Elks memorial service will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Food Bank or the donor's choice. Burial will be in the Elm Grove Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth L. "Bummy" Baumgartner*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kenneth L. "Bummy" Baumgartner*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Susie, I just heard today of Kenny's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Your friend, Cheri##imported-begin##Cheri Macon Baumgartner##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 11:40 AM



“ *Dear Susie and family, What a shock to read about Ken's passing. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Carol##imported-begin##John & Carol Schreiber##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2011 at 09:41 PM



“ Susie,

*Sorry to hear about Ken. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family.*

*Erv and Brenda##imported-begin##Ervin and Brenda Glass##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2011 at 06:01 PM



“ Susie and family, Diana, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Kenny is in God's hands now with out pain and suffering. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Carol S. Bieberich##imported-end##

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February 16, 2011 at 10:40 AM



“ Kerry...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rejoice in the memory your Father. Your friend always, Jeff##imported-begin##Jeff Feasel##imported-end##

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February 15, 2011 at 08:20 PM



“ Dear Greg, Erin and Alexis,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Seek and you will find God: He will give you comfort. It is difficult to lose a loved one no matter what your age is. Time(God)heals all wounds. Keep all of your happy memories of your dad, father-in-law, and grandfather and your faith will keep you strong. God Bless you all and we will keep you in our prayers. Love, Richard, Laurie, Danielle and Jason###imported-begin##Richard+Laurie Kauffman&Danielle and Jason Rekeweg###imported-end##

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February 15, 2011 at 02:17 PM



“ Kenny's grandfather Joe and my grandfather Peter B. were brothers, thus making Kenny and I second cousins. I remember him from reunions when we were children. John and Kenny were friends at Manchester College in 1957. We offer our sincere sympathy to all of the family. I wish we could have known one another better.###imported-begin##John & Carol (Baumgartner) Harness###imported-end##

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February 14, 2011 at 01:07 PM



“ So sad to lose a classmate. Deepest sympathy to you, Susie, and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Dianne (Liechty) Parrett###imported-end##

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February 14, 2011 at 11:47 AM



“ i was skilled trades and bummy was my boss in the batch house.tell greg to hang in there. bummy will be missed by many. with deepest regrets frank covey###imported-begin###frank covey###imported-end##

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February 13, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ Kendra and family. So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayer's.  
In the happy moments,praise God.  
In the difficult moments, seek God.  
In the quiet moments, trust God.  
In every moment,thank God.  
Love you, Bummy.###imported-begin###Frank & Lee Andra Aguon###imported-end##

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February 13, 2011 at 08:37 AM



“ Kendra and family-  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Time will heal and it looks like you have one heck of angel that's on your side watching over you too!###imported-begin###Barbie Aguon-Secaur and Mark Reinking###imported-end##

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February 13, 2011 at 12:17 AM