

## Larry W. Owen

September 27, 1946 - March 21, 2017

Larry W. Owen, 70, of Bluffton passed away at 8:25 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was born on September 27, 1946 in Wolf Lake, Indiana to Clarence & Virginia (Deutsch) Owen. Larry graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1964, and earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1969. He served our country in the United States Army Engineering Corps during Vietnam.

Over Larry's career, he worked for the City of Huntington as the Assistant Engineer, served as Adams County Highway Engineer, and retired as the Wells County Highway Engineer. He owned Setser, Owen & Associates, a private land surveying and engineering firm, and consulted for Miller Land Surveying in Monroe and Bertsch-Frank & Associates in Ft. Wayne. Larry also authored a book memorializing the Kingsland Wreck of 1910.

His memberships include: Park United Brethren Church, Wells County Gideons, The John Purdue Club, Purdue Alumni Association, American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, Vietnam Veterans Association, RIPEA, and the National Rifle Association.

Larry married Diane M. (Betz) on June 21, 1974, at Park United Brethren Church.

Larry is survived by Diane, his wife of 43 years, and his children: Sarah Owen of Washington, D.C., Julie (Duane) Modlin, and Mark (Rachel) Owen, both of Bluffton. He was an amazing Papaw to three grandchildren: Sophie & Emma

Modlin and Judah Owen. He is also survived by a sister, Luana Walker, and sister-in-law, Judy Owen, both of Albion.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Charles, and an infant sister.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday (March 25, 2017) at Park United Brethren Church in Bluffton. Pastor John Cole and Rev. Duane Modlin will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Friday (March 24) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the Wells County Gideons Camp, Family Life Care, Forgotten Children Worldwide, or to Park United Brethren Church.

Larry's 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

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 24. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Park United Brethren Church  
617 South Bennett Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Service

MAR 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

Park United Brethren Church  
617 South Bennett Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry W. Owen*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 24, 2017 at 04:53 PM

TS

*Sarah this is a beautiful tribute to your Dad, so many fond memories of him. Praying for you and your family. Tia Staton*

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**Tia Staton** - March 29, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ *Larry W. Owen*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DB

“ *Sorry for your loss. Went to highschool with Larry. Prayer to the family.*

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**Diann Norris Bortner** - March 28, 2017 at 09:19 PM

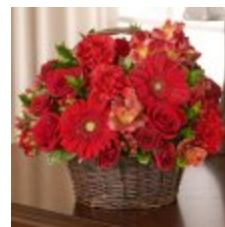
MK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Although I never knew Larry, I know his daughter, Sarah, and she is one of my bestest friends on the planet. Our prayers are with you all and we rest in the peace that only God can give knowing that Larry is now completely healed and in the presence of our Lord. Love you, Sarah. Love, Molly King and family

Molly King - March 25, 2017 at 12:33 PM

DO

“ Dan Davis & Family, Daryl Owen & Family, Jeff Owen purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Larry W. Owen.



Dan Davis & Family, Daryl Owen & Family, Jeff Owen - March 24, 2017 at 02:57 PM

SB

“ Steve Bradtmiller lit a candle in memory of Larry W. Owen



Steve Bradtmiller - March 24, 2017 at 11:14 AM

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So sorry to hear of the passing of Larry, always one of my favorite people.

Theresa (Halsey)Hughes - March 25, 2017 at 10:33 AM

WP

“ Diane you have my deepest sympathy. I have known Larry a long time. He was one of the person's who encourage me to become a land surveyor. We have worked on different projects together over the years, since 1983. I will miss my friend, he was a mentor to me and helped me in every way. Again, you have my deepest sympathy, he was a good person.  
*Bill Wemhoff, PS*

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**William E. Wemhoff, PS** - March 24, 2017 at 07:35 AM

TS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. I had occasions to work with Larry years ago and I found him to be a very good man and a talented professional.

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**Terry R. Smith** - March 23, 2017 at 06:40 PM

SM

“ Never knew Larry, but my dad would mention the Kingsland Crossing accident. I purchased his book on Amazon today, should be an interesting read.

*Stan Miller...grew up in Bluffton, lives in Nebraska, now.*

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**stan miller** - March 23, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Larry W. Owen.



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March 23, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Larry W. Owen.*



March 23, 2017 at 04:38 PM

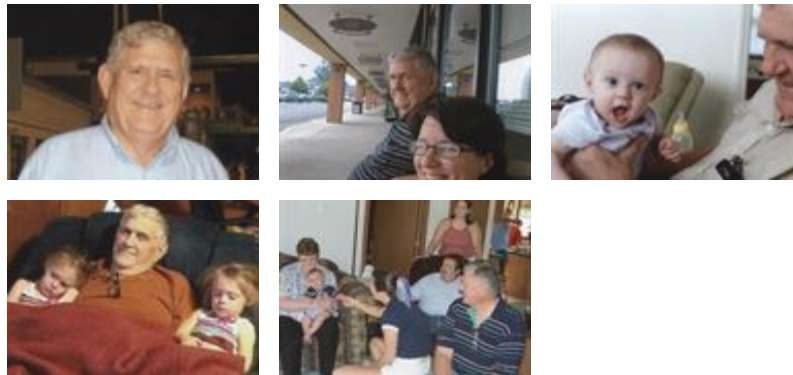


“ *Played on Seconal Championship team with Larry. I have many great memories of that year. So sorry for your loss. I lost my younger brother to cancer 5 years ago and sympathize with you in this time of losing Larry.*

Trumin Brown - March 23, 2017 at 04:21 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 23, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Larry W. Owen.*



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March 23, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ *Diane,  
So sorry for your loss. May God's comfort be with during this time.  
He's now with Christ in heaven and for that you may feel blessed!  
Carolyn Miller Davis*

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**Carolyn Davis** - March 23, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *Jerry Garrett lit a candle in memory of Larry W. Owen*



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**jerry garrett** - March 23, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Julia Tobias lit a candle in memory of Larry W. Owen*



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**Julia Tobias** - March 23, 2017 at 11:12 AM

JC

“ *Luana, we are so sorry for your loss. He fought for a long time. Again you have our sympathy.*

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**Jim & Rita Coats** - March 23, 2017 at 10:31 AM

KL

“ *Kim, Abby, Tracy, Ashley, Lydia purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Larry W. Owen.*



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**Kim, Abby, Tracy, Ashley, Lydia** - March 23, 2017 at 08:32 AM

AC

“ *Sending all our love from Georgia. We are keeping you all in our prayers! Love, Ashley, Scott & Stella Couch*

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**Ashley Couch** - March 23, 2017 at 07:52 AM

WM

“ *I can remember times after school when I forgot my keys and I couldn't get into my house... I would walk down to uncle Larry's house. He would let me inside. We'd talk and laugh. I can remember a time when I was locked out of the house cause I forgot my keys and it was raining to. I went over to his house... he let me inside... good memories.*

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**Will Moser** - March 23, 2017 at 07:28 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry W. Owen.*



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March 23, 2017 at 05:08 AM



“ *Jean Cottle lit a candle in memory of Larry W. Owen*



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**Jean Cottle** - March 23, 2017 at 04:47 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Larry W. Owen.*



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March 22, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ *Larry was such a kind sweet man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

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**Catina Small** - March 22, 2017 at 06:23 PM

LT

“ *Larry's memory will remain forever. He was a wonderful Christian father citizen church member worker historian . Owen family I have great respect for you I will have you all in my memory forever*

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**Larry Eugene Taylor** - March 22, 2017 at 03:47 PM