

Mark F. Coratti

June 4, 1929 - August 11, 2023

Mark F. Coratti, 94 of Bluffton, and a longtime resident of Huntington, passed away on Friday morning, August 11, 2023, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was born on June 4, 1929, in Zemun, Yugoslavia to Frank & Marija Coratti. In 1936 at the age of 7, Mark immigrated to the United States, moving to Baltimore and later to Madison Heights, Michigan, before settling in Bluffton in 1967. After graduating from high school, he enlisted the United States Navy in August of 1946, at the age of 17, with his parent's permission and was assigned to the USS Gurke (DD783). He was discharged in June of 1950 but served in the Navy Reserves for six more years.

On May 13, 1951, at Main Street United Methodist Church in Logansport, Mark married Joetta (Rennewanz) Coratti. They have shared 61 years of marriage together, before she preceded him in death on May 19, 2012.

He attended drafting school through the GI bill and started working at Essex Wire for 25 years, Ford Motor Company and at Franklin Electric in Bluffton. He worked for Franklin Electric in Bluffton for 29 years, where he retired in 1996.

In his retirement, he kept busy volunteering at Parkview Hospital, 55 Alive Drivers, American Heart Association, with the DNR in Huntington County, and for Aging & In-Home Services. In 2011, he was recognized by the Indiana House of Representatives for his volunteerism with the Golden Hoosier Award. He was a 27-year member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, V.F.W Post in Huntington, and was a past Exalted Ruler with the

Bluffton Elks Lodge #796 and was a lifetime member. He volunteered for the Hoops Shoot thru the Elks for many years. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his children; Mark (wife Cheryl) Coratti of Bluffton, Michael (wife Chris) Coratti of Bluffton, Jeffry (wife Alice) Coratti of Bluffton, James (wife Mary) Coratti of Port Charlotte, and a daughter Tina (husband Brian) Monroe of Huntington, along with 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Joetta, and infant son, Jody Coratti and two siblings, Mitza Bozin & Anthony Korati.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Funeral Services will follow visitation at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, at the funeral home with his son Rev. James Coratti officiating. Burial will follow at the Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County with Military Honors by the United States Navy Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association.

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 Coratti family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Star of Hope Cemetery

100 South 200 East
Huntington, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark F. Coratti*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - August 15, 2023 at 10:11 AM

CS

“ *fair winds and following seas sailor from USS Gurke.*

CRAIG SMITH - September 04, 2023 at 02:14 PM

NC

“ *Grandpa, you were one of the anchors that connected me to our family doing life with you what is amazing thank you for every single everything for 43 years. The legacy lives on in me. your next, sweetheart, I love you grandpa thank you for everything just everything simply thank you I decided to the memory tree would be appropriate so Life can go on and all of us will carry that legacy. Thank you so much pop pop Nicole L Coratti*



nicole L Coratti - August 14, 2023 at 01:43 PM

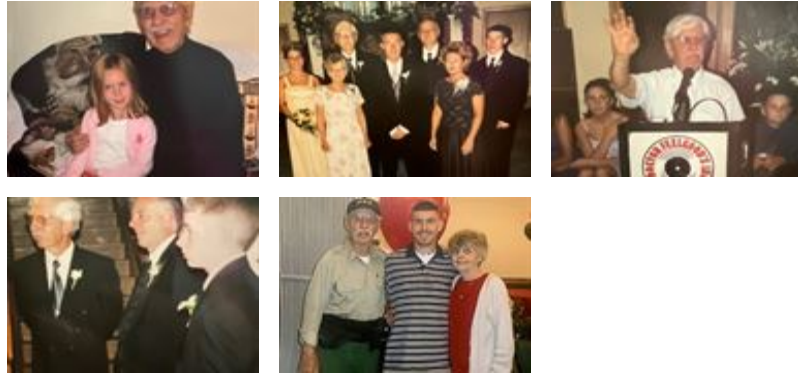
NL

“ *Nicole L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark F. Coratti.*

Nicole L. - August 14, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM

BR

I love you Big Papa, still thinking about you still so much. Can't stop crying I miss you so much! We will meet one again I hope Big papa, I miss and love you SOO much!

Brooklyn - August 20, 2023 at 06:29 PM

BR

Big papa, I will always miss you so much. I am really missing you right now. I wish you were here so I could give you one final big hug! We love you ! ❤️

Brooklyn - November 20, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark F. Coratti.



August 14, 2023 at 11:37 AM

MH

“ Misty Haddix lit a candle in memory of Mark Coratti



Misty Haddix - August 13, 2023 at 07:40 PM

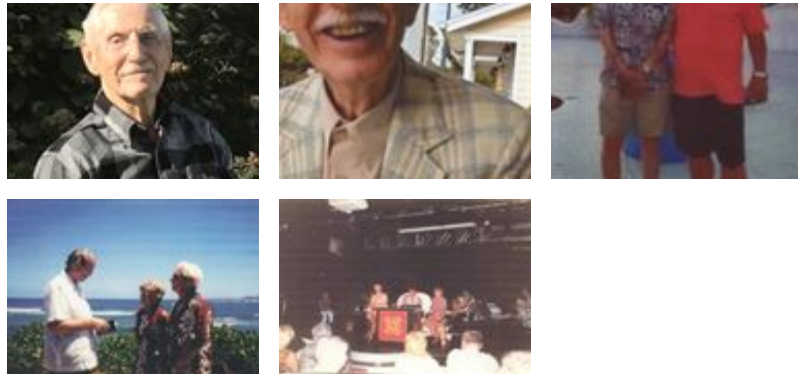
MH

“ My condolences to all who loved him. He was a great man and always smiling. I'm so glad I got to spend some time with him at River Terrace and making sure he always had his tomato soup and hot chocolate for lunch. It's been awhile since I had seen him, but he was always such a sweet man. He will be missed!

Misty Haddix - August 13, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ 112 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - August 13, 2023 at 12:35 PM

BC

*Mark and Cheryl,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I pray that God will comfort you and provide you strength now and in the days ahead.
Beth*

Beth Coleman - August 13, 2023 at 08:17 PM

LJ

“ *Mark, Cheryl, and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad..Much love Lisa Jack*



Lisa M Jack - August 12, 2023 at 05:41 PM

CK

“ *Mark Coratti was an intelligent man, compassionate , always pointing out the positive side of things. His smile lit up the room . Thank you for being the best grandfather and fishing teacher to Nicole . Nothing slows her down , we know you're proud of her! Go dance with Joetta !*

CINDY KURKE - August 12, 2023 at 11:44 AM

BR

“ *Big papa, known as the best grandpa in the whole universe left us to soon. We all love and miss you grandpa! We love you and will never forget all the great things you did for our family, friends or just different acts of kindness you showed to others. We/family used to visit you at River Terrace. Now we can't, but I'm sure we will meet again big papa! Miss and love you* ❤️❤️💕

Brooklyn - August 11, 2023 at 10:45 PM

BR

Big papa, I'm still missing you so very much! I wish I could give you one final big hug. I can't believe it's already been 5 months without you grandpa. 💔 I don't even think you know how much I've been missing you. Big papa, I hope you and I, will meet again. So I can finally give you the hug I will be waiting for the rest of my life for. I can't wait big papa! Just remember, I will NEVER forgot you grandpa! You may not be here beside me, but you will always be in my heart. And nothing can stop that. ❤️ You'll always tell me no matter what, point out the positive side of things. And I am trying big papa, and I promise one day, I meet you again. And be with you forever! ❤️❤️❤️

Brooklyn - January 13, 2024 at 11:59 PM

BR

Happy birthday big papa! I'm thinking about you today very much... im sure your celebrating in heaven with grandma! ❤️ I miss you so so much grandpa. still thinking about you and missing you until we meet again up in heaven. I love you big papa!!!

Brooklyn - June 05, 2024 at 12:03 AM

BR

big papa, i wish i could see you again. ive been thinking about you, and its hard. every time someone dies now that i know. I always end up thinking about you in the end. I guess you were something very special in my life. And for you to just leave like that. Unexpected. Really broke my heart. I miss you sooo so much big papa. i feel like I can't live without you... I wish so much I could give you another hug, go fishing with you one last time. Or, even go visit you. Any of those moments I cherished and I forever will. Even though your not here beside me, your still always gunna be in my heart I know. I just can't believe you're not here beside us. you always were, until now. You were always there for us even when we were wrong. Now we have to do everything by ourselves, without you. 💔 I cant wait until I see you again big papa. You really inspired me and many others. You are truly missed big papa, I love you! ❤️💕😭

brooklyn - September 15, 2024 at 11:21 PM