



## Matthew J. Hammons

December 29, 1954 - March 7, 2026

Matthew J. Hammons, 71 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday evening, March 7, 2026, at his residence.

Matt was born on December 29, 1954, in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Harold & Betty (Spitler) Hammons. After serving in the United States Marine Corps., Matt worked in the construction trades his entire career. He was a talented mechanic, and loved riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle! He also enjoyed fishing and listening to his music, often times, as loud as he could.

He is survived by his life partner of over 8 years, Elaine A. Liechty of Bluffton along with his yorkie-poo, Mimi, who has been part of Matt's life for the last eight years. He is also survived by children: Tara (Roger) Steffen of Berne, Tawnya Lehman of Liberty Center, Todd (Leah) Lehman of Berne and Angie (Toby) Schaden of Bluffton, along with 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Matt is also survived by his siblings: Judy (Dave) Coe of Arizonia, Larry Hammons of Fort Wayne, Dane Hammons and Tim Hammons, both of Columbia City.

He is preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

As Matt requested, there will be no public service at this time. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice and directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Matt has always liked to joke and tease but when he needed to be serious he was right there. He loved kids and animals. He was a great brother. I didn't see him a lot living in Az but whenever I got to Ft Wayne he always came and visited me at our son's house. Will miss talking on the phone with him. Love and miss you.* ”



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**Judy Coe** - March 11 at 10:03 AM