



## Mr. Melvin Dean Welker

July 20, 1933 - August 11, 2014

Melvin "Dean" Welker, 81 of Ossian passed away at 10:00 p.m. Monday, August 11, 2014, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Dean was born on July 20, 1933 in Huntington County. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1951. On June 29, 1952 he married V. Arlene (Pressler) Welker at the Mt. Etna United Methodist Church, where burial will take place in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Arlene of Ossian along with a son Jeff Welker of Ossian, 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Dean was preceded in death by a son Dennis Welker on October 6, 2010.

Dean retired in 1995 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne where he worked for many years. He was a very active member of the Bluffton Masonic Lodge #145, where he was a Past Master. He also held offices in the Eastern Star at both the local and state level. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine in Fort Wayne.

Calling hour will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. A Masonic Memorial Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2014, followed by a personal

eulogy given by Dean's son

Jeff Welker. Burial will follow at Mt. Etna United Methodist Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Dean's memory to Alzheimer's Association or to Wells County Alzheimer's Support Group. 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

## Mt. Etna Cemetery

South St  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Melvin Dean Welker*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Those We hold closest never leave Us  
They live on in the kindness They've shared and the love they  
brought into Our lives.  
We will miss You dearly, Grandpa ??????*

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**Nichole Welker** - August 15, 2014 at 11:57 AM



“ *I have known Dean & Arlene and others of the Welker clan for  
eleven years. Dean was a loving husband and father. I admired his  
dedication to family. Wish I spent more time with him. I loved him  
and will miss him.*

*Jean Donley*

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**Jean Donley** - August 13, 2014 at 08:53 PM

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“ Uncle Dean was a very quiet, kind, loving, and gentle man. He brightened the lives of all those he came in contact with. Steve and I were blessed by the few times he and Aunt Arlene were able to visit us. We especially enjoyed the trip we took with them and my mom, Millie, to our vacation home in the mountains of Northern Arizona. We were blessed to see deer and antelope. Uncle Dean and Aunt Arlene were really excited to see wild antelope. We had a wonderful time visiting and drinking coffee. Wow, did we drink coffee.

Uncle Dean shared his love for his boys and the grandchildren with us. He was proud of the family the Lord had given to them.

About two years ago, I along with my daughter, De Anna, sister, Jean, and my mom, Mildred, saw Uncle Dean for the last time. We visited in their home and went out to eat several times with them and other family members. We were impressed that they were called by name at their favorite restaurant and it was easy to see they were well liked.

Although, we know Uncle Dean will be missed here on earth, we know that heaven is rejoicing and welcoming him home.

Please know that our love and prayers are with you at this time even though we are unable to be with you physically,

Steve, Alona and the rest of the family in Arizona

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Alona Adams - August 13, 2014 at 08:23 PM

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**Jeff** - August 13, 2014 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Nancy Welker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Dean Welker*



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**Nancy Welker** - August 13, 2014 at 02:20 PM

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“ *Nancy Welker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Dean Welker*



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**Nancy Welker** - August 13, 2014 at 02:16 PM