



Merlin E. Barrick

April 10, 1937 - April 5, 2012

Merlin E. Barrick, 74, of Bluffton, passed away at 1:26 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2012 at his home.

Merlin was born April 10, 1937 in Uniondale, Indiana to Olive and Millie (Campbell) Barrick. He married Corinna Ann (Thomas) on August 2, 1982 in Bluffton and she survives.

Merlin graduated from Lancaster School in 1955 and was a life-long resident of Wells County. He owned and operated Barrick Rentals and Bluffton Vault, Plumbing, Heating, & Electrical Company for numerous years. He was a licensed plumber and electrician. He also worked various part-time jobs over the last several years to occupy his time outside of his rental business i.e., Moser and Sons, Wiegand Construction.

Merlin served as a Bluffton Volunteer Fireman for many years. He was a member of the Bluffton Elks Lodge and the First Reformed Church. He enjoyed his family, golfing, and fishing. One of Merlin's greatest passions was working and fixing things. He purchased many homes during his career remodeling and restoring them to sell or rent.

Merlin affectionately known as "MEB" enjoyed the company and friendship of many people throughout Wells County and beyond. The Snug Restaurant was

a regular morning stop for him catching up on the Bluffton news from the previous day, talking sports (especially IU Basketball and the Indianapolis Colts) and business. Throughout his illness the Bluffton community and support were of great comfort to him.

Merlin is also survived by four daughters, Debra Barrick of Bluffton, Diana (Norman) Morin of Crown Point, Indiana, Vicki (Kirt) Byerly of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Shari (Joe) Barrick of Farmington Hills, Michigan; four step-children, Beverly (Richard) Childers of Austin, Texas, Robert (Stephanie) Brasich of San Diego, California, Nancy Huffman of Wimberly, Texas, David (Laura) Brasich of Marble Falls, Texas; four grandchildren, Alexander Zagrocki, Katherine Elliott, Maxx and Jack Byerly; five step grandchildren, Kelly Childers, Kevin Childers, Christopher Morin, Carly Huffman and Cody Brasich. Merlin was preceded in death by his older sister Evelyn Hanni.

Calling hours are 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. An Elks memorial service will be conducted by the Bluffton Elks Lodge at 8:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Dr. Bryson Eugene Bell officiating. Burial will be in Horeb Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation or Heartland Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **9**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

APR **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Merlin E. Barrick*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Merlin E. Barrick*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Joe and Shari,*

I just learned of your loss and I'm so sorry. My hopes and prayers for you are to remember and feel happy when you think of your dad.

Hugs to you and your family!##imported-begin##Mitzi##imported-end##

April 15, 2012 at 06:36 PM



“ *Will miss you Merlin. Sorry i could not make it to the funeral.##imported-begin##Chris King##imported-end##*

April 12, 2012 at 12:58 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Merlin, we will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Randy and Lisa Peeper##imported-end##

April 10, 2012 at 07:52 AM



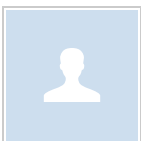
“ Shari and Family,
I'm sad to hear of your dad's passing. I have many a fond memories of him as I spent alot of time at your house growing up.My thoughts and prayers go with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Lona Grover (Meyer)##imported-end##

April 09, 2012 at 08:23 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for your family during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Kathy Musco##imported-end##

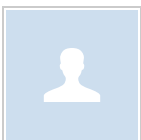
April 09, 2012 at 07:11 PM



“ Shari.

I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Barb Matti##imported-end##

April 09, 2012 at 12:15 PM



“ Vicki and family...having lost my own father this past week I know how your heart aches. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Sandy (Stidham) Simpson##imported-end##

April 09, 2012 at 09:38 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with you##imported-begin##Sonja Davison##imported-end##

April 09, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ Your family is in my prayers. Merlin was a great guy and a wonderful person to talk to. He was always willing to help me out with a problem. He served the community well with his years on the fire department. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Dan Gerdom##imported-end##

April 08, 2012 at 11:09 PM



“ Aunt Corinna and Cousins,

Hugs and sympathy from Bradenton, Florida. Wish we could be with you at this time. Merlin in now at peace and in joy with his Father in Heaven.

Love to all,##imported-begin##Kevin & Marsha Anderson##imported-end##

April 08, 2012 at 12:07 PM



“ Corrina we are very sorry to hear of Merlins passing. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kim and Gene Shatto##imported-end##

April 07, 2012 at 04:10 PM



“ *Debbie, Diana, Vicki, & Shari,
The one thing I remember most about your Dad, was how much he loved you girls! He gave that crooked grin of his & his eyes would just sparkle whenever he talked about you! He was so very proud of his daughters! He was a good man & I know he will be missed!
Love, Sue* *###imported-begin###sue modlin###imported-end###*

April 07, 2012 at 12:42 PM



“ *My sympathy and prayers go out to Merlins family. I graduated with him at Lancaster High School, hadn't seen him in years but is still remembered.* *###imported-begin###Wilma Mounsey Satterfield###imported-end###*

April 07, 2012 at 10:59 AM



“ *Shari and family, my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Cherish the wonderful memories and the enduring legacy he leaves to his family and community.* *###imported-begin###Tonjia Moore Poole###imported-end###*

April 06, 2012 at 06:10 PM



“ *Corinna, Vicki, Bob, Dave, Bev and Nancy: My sincere sympathy to all of you. Merlin was a special, special person and a great Father and friend. He will be missed by all. My prayers are with you.* *###imported-begin###Karyn Irvin###imported-end###*

April 06, 2012 at 04:36 PM



“ Vicki and family,

So sorry to hear about MEB. He was a great guy and there was no better person to Christmas shop with in Korea. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Angie Christ-Zemunski##imported-end##

April 06, 2012 at 02:57 PM