



## Michael "Mike" D. Browning

January 15, 1955 - December 31, 2014

Michael "Mike" D. Browning, 59, of Bluffton was called home to his Lord at 1:55 a.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mike was born on January 15, 1955 in Bluffton to Wetzel Browning and Ruth (Thompson) Bailey. He attended Bluffton High School. He was a Captain on the barges for Ashland Oil Company for 13 years. He worked at Kitco Co. in Bluffton for 4 years and then worked at Ficosa in Berne for 10 years.

On May 22, 2004 in Bluffton, Mike and Linda (Patterson) Browning were married.

He is survived by his wife Linda of Bluffton along with a daughter Tonya Hoffacker of Bluffton, two step-daughters; Jacki (Craig) Juzysta of Fort Wayne, Ronica Lewis of Florida, and a step-son David Patterson of Pennsylvania along with 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and a sister Barbara G. Deese of Graceville, Florida. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a step-father Alfred Gene Bailey, two brothers Jerry D. & Rodney L. Browning along with a sister Donna J. Shaw and a step-brother James Holley.

A service to celebrate Mike's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, (January 4, 2015) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor John Roe will officiate. Calling hours will be held for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Mike's memory to the family through the funeral

home. 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).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" D. Browning*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mike was a great friend and will be sadly missed! R.I.P. Mike. XO*



**Kristie Miller** - January 14, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ *a good friend and great guy ,we had alot of great times ,will be missed by many*

**tracy markley** - January 02, 2015 at 02:04 PM



“ *Tracy Markley lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" D. Browning*



**tracy markley** - January 02, 2015 at 02:01 PM

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“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with the family*  
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**Kelly West Gardner** - January 01, 2015 at 01:17 PM