



## Nicholas K. Dunn

November 7, 1952 - December 30, 2024

Nicholas K. Dunn, 72 of Ossian, passed away on Monday evening, December 30, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Nick was born on November 7, 1952 in Bluffton to Everett J. “Junior” and Doris J. (Tarr) Dunn. He graduated from Southern Wells High School in 1971. He started working for Bowmar LLC in Waynedale. He then moved to Lafayette to work for Caterpillar as a quality control operator, where he was a self-taught computer programmer. Nick eventually moved to Sanford, NC to continue working for Caterpillar in Quality Control before retiring in 2015. Upon retirement, Nick returned to Ossian to be closer to family. Nick enjoyed golfing, fishing and watching IU basketball. He was a very talented artist and enjoyed woodworking, especially making clocks. He loved spending time with Riley, his beloved shih tzu.

Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer (Doug) Roller of Uniondale. He will be remembered as “Grandpa Nick” to his five grandchildren; Collin (Jasmine) Roller of Ossian, Kaylee (Max) Dove of Fort Wayne, Kendyl Roller of Indianapolis, Kris (Jessica) Dunn and Maddie (Taylor) Trent, all of Fort Wayne and four great-grandchildren; Maddox, Theodore and Parker Roller of Ossian and Josie Dunn of Fort Wayne.

He is preceded in death by his son, Michael E. Dunn in 2002, his parents, Junior and Doris Dunn and his brother, Kris M. Dunn.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 P.M. on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, January 3, 2025 at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Aupperle officiating. Private family burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Nick’s memory to Stillwater Hospice and directed thru the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 2.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

**JAN 3.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**JAN 3.** 10:30 AM (ET)

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Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nicholas K. Dunn*



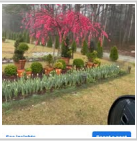
Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 02, 2025 at 10:46 PM

BG

“ *So sorry to learn of Nick passing. I remember him from the time he was a young man in Liberty Center. He was so polite and sweet. His parents, Doris and Jr were special as well. Blessings to his family. BJ, Marion and Scott Gray*



Bj Gray - January 09, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *I worked with Nick at the Sanford NC facility until Nick retired from Caterpillar BCPD. Nick was always kind and had time for me. Never once did he not take time to answer questions or help me and my teams. Far too early to leave this earth, rest well Nick, my sincere condolences to the family. Ernest Turman*

Ernest Turman - January 03, 2025 at 05:56 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Nicholas K. Dunn.*



January 02, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ 110 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 01, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SB

“ Steve and jill bumgarner purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Nicholas K. Dunn.



Steve and jill bumgarner - January 01, 2025 at 03:36 PM

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“ Steve and jill bumgarner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas K. Dunn.

Steve and jill bumgarner - January 01, 2025 at 03:36 PM

LZ

“ Nick was a quiet loner. My fondest early memory was in 5th grade. We had some special dress up evening program our families attended at Liberty Center school. I went up to him and told him he looked pretty. 😭😭 His reply was "Girls are pretty. Boys are handsome," and he walked away. We were a great Southern Wells class. It saddens me as we pass away. He was loved, and will be greatly missed.

Lana Zoll - December 31, 2024 at 09:49 PM

KF

The Dunn's lived just up the lane from us in "the woods" in Liberty Center. They were a wonderful family and wonderful neighbors. It is sad that they all have passed, but I'm sure they have left an amazing legacy for their family.  
Kathy Minniear Fretz

Kathy Minniear Fretz - January 01, 2025 at 11:13 AM

LA

*So sorry to hear of Nick's passing. I have many fond memories of playing with cousins "Nicky" and Kris at family reunions and get-togethers in Liberty Center back in the '50's. Sending my sincere condolences to his family.*

**Larry Tarr - Huntsville, AL** - January 02, 2025 at 03:50 PM

CH

*This is sad , I was in his brothers class at school and knew the family because you just know everyone in Liberty Center.our roots go deep around there. The tribute pictures brought back so many memories.Doris and Jr helped us a lot. so sorry for your loss at this time..I believe we will have a big reunion with Jesus*

**Cynthia(Biberstine) Hickey** - January 03, 2025 at 11:49 AM



*So very sorry for your loss. My husband and I had the pleasure of working with Nick for many years at Caterpillar, first in Lafayette and then in Sanford, NC. We remember Nick with fondness as he loved to joke around but was highly regarded and respected for his knowledge with blueprints, tolerances, and measuring methods. His career at Caterpillar contributed greatly to our quality and controlled processes. Nick was also a good friend and will miss him and honor his memory. We had many points in our lives where our life-challenges overlapped and as we worked together, we were able to provide quiet support to each other.*

**Marie Kearney** - January 07, 2025 at 05:02 PM