



## Ralph W. Schumm

September 9, 1935 - November 14, 2024

Ralph W. Schumm, 89 of Bluffton passed away on Thursday morning, November 14, 2024, at River Terrace Estates.

Ralph was born on September 9, 1935 in Van Wert, Ohio to Arthur and Erna (Klenk) Schumm. He graduated from Crestview High School in 1953. Ralph grew up in Convoy before moving to Roanoke and finally settling in Bluffton. He was an innovative farmer, removing fence rows, installing tile ditches, and soil sampling his farms. He was a Pioneer Seed dealer and worked for E & B Landscaping. Ralph enjoyed volunteering at the Food Bank and attending his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's events. Music was very important to Ralph. He was able to share his love of music when he would sing with various groups, such as Edelweiss Choir, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Choir, Lutheran Corral and Lutheran Men of Song. Ralph grew up in the Lutheran church and he was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Ossian. On June 17, 1956, Ralph married NaDonna Ruth Baer in Van Wert, OH. Together they celebrated 68 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Donna of Bluffton, and their three children; Debra Kay Schumm Hillger of Decatur, Michael E. (Kay) Schumm of Bluffton and Beth A. Schumm of Clermont, FL. He was a loving grandpa to six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by his brother, Ronald Schumm of Van Wert, OH. and his sister, Mary Van Fleet of Columbus, OH.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard Schumm

and David Schumm.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 from 2 to 5 P.M. and 6 to 8 P.M. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian, and for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024 at 11 A.M. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian.

Burial will follow at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be made to Worship Anew or Bethlehem Lutheran Scholarship Fund.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery

6514 East 700 North  
Ossian, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
6514 East 750 North  
Ossian, IN 46777

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
6514 East 750 North  
Ossian, IN 46777

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
6514 East 750 North  
Ossian, IN 46777

## Funeral Service

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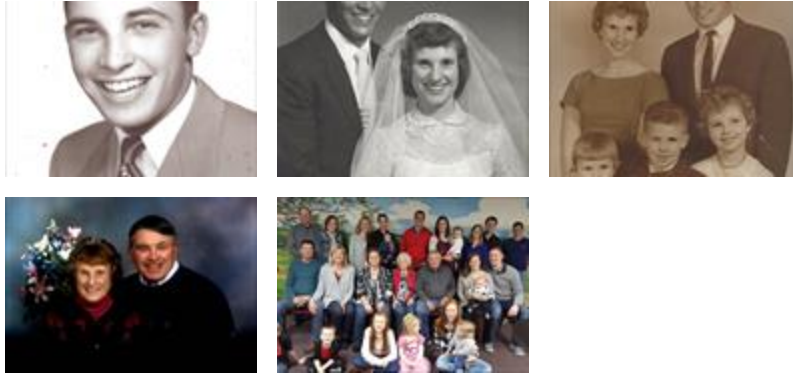
NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
6514 East 750 North  
Ossian, IN 46777

# Tribute Wall

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“ 6 files added to the album Ralph Photos



Megan - November 18, 2024 at 06:15 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Ralph Photos



Megan - November 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM

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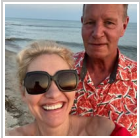
“ Exceptional farmer. The whole family is extremely intelligent.  
Condolences to family. RIP Ralph  
Jon Elliott

Jon Elliott - November 18, 2024 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Ralph was a determined, innovative and successful agricultural businessman. My favorite memory is Ralph and Donna plowing late fall with open station (no cab) tractors Ralph with his sock hat and Donna with a head scarf wrapped around her head. Donna was as determined as Ralph to the success of Schumm Farms Inc. Rest easy Ralph. Donna and family you have our condolences.*  
*Rod and Brenda Clamme*

**Rod Clamme** - November 16, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ *Incredible farmer The whole family were incredibly intelligent. Condolences to the family. RIP Ralph*

**Jon Elliott** - November 16, 2024 at 10:47 AM

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“ *The Bumbleburgs, Ulrichs, & Crislars purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ralph W. Schumm.*



**The Bumbleburgs, Ulrichs, & Crislars** - November 15, 2024 at 07:07 PM

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“ *Mandy Bailey & Jennifer Marshall (RTRC) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph W. Schumm.*



**Mandy Bailey & Jennifer Marshall (RTRC)** - November 15, 2024 at 04:58 PM

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“ *Ralph will be sadly missed, thoughts and prayers to the family*  
*Richard and Lesia wood*



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**lesia wood** - November 15, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *My condolences to Mike, Beth, and the entire Schumm family.*  
*Mike Falk*

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**Mike Falk** - November 15, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Terry and Shelly Rolfes and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph W. Schumm.*



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**Terry and Shelly Rolfes and Family** - November 14, 2024 at 08:38 PM

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“ *Terry and Shelly Rolfes and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph W. Schumm.*

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**Terry and Shelly Rolfes and Family** - November 14, 2024 at 08:38 PM

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“ Schumm Family so very sorry to hear about Ralph! Prayers to the Family of Ralph! 🙏🙏  
🙏🙏 Mike may our Heavenly father grant u and your family Peace, Grace, and Comfort as u all Grieve your Dads loss! God Bless the Schumm Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen!



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**Barry Crosbie** - November 14, 2024 at 02:36 PM