



## Rancie Ellenberger

July 30, 1932 - December 15, 2021

Rancie Ellenberger 89, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Bluffton passed away Wednesday December 15, 2021, at the Majestic Care of Jefferson Pointe in Fort Wayne. Rancie was born July 30, 1932, in Hyden, KY to Lawrence and Lillie (Caldwell) Melton.

Rancie was a 1953 graduate of Bluffton High School.

On January 10, 1954, in Wells County, Rancie married Richard L. Ellenberger. They shared 44 years of marriage together before his passing on May 14, 1998.

Rancie was an E.R. admitting clerk for Caylor-Nickel Clinic for 22 years. In 1981 Rancie and her husband moved to Madison, TN. She worked at the Nashville Memorial Hospital for 16 years retiring in 1997. In 2000, Rancie moved back to Bluffton.

Survivors include her daughter Deborah J. Morgan of Fort Wayne, a son Rick Ellenberger of Huntington, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard, two sisters; Loretta Stauffer and Edna Dillinger, three brothers; Alvy Melton, Vernon Melton and Joe Melton.

A funeral service will be held at 3pm Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Dr. Bryson "Gene" E. Bell officiating. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery. Calling will be from 4pm – 6pm Monday, December 20, 2021 and for one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Memorials may be made to the First Reformed Church of Bluffton.  
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

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Calling Hour

DEC 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

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DEC 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rancie Ellenberger*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - December 21, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Rancie Ellenberger*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Debbie, Rick and families - I have such fond memories of Aunt Rancie. She was one of the sweetest persons I can recall, and so quick to laugh (ok, to giggle). It's been too long since I've seen her . . . but Dave and I send our love and sympathy to all of you in saying goodbye to Rancie.*  
*Love, Judy Ellenberger Cline*

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**Judy Cline** - December 20, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *Judy Cline lit a candle in memory of Rancie Ellenberger*



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**Judy Cline** - December 20, 2021 at 10:42 PM

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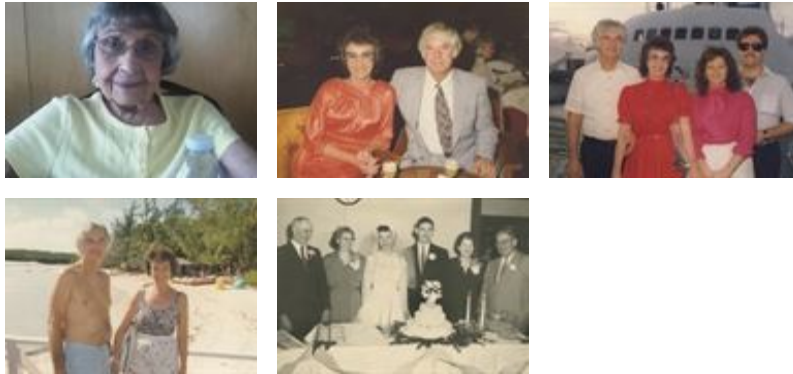
“ I worked with Rancie way back in the late 1960's at the Clinic, and looked forward to her crazy sense of humor and ability to laugh through utter chaos! She was upbeat and unfailingly kind to this overwhelmed nurse-wannabe. It was Rancie who showed me that work could be fun even when it really wasn't. I know you'll miss her, and am thankful she lived a full life. My condolences.

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**Ann Hamilton Shields** - December 19, 2021 at 08:11 PM



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**Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home** - December 18, 2021 at 01:41 PM