



Randy S. Runkle

December 15, 1955 - October 28, 2022

Randy S. Runkle, 66 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday, October 28, 2022, at his residence, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Bluffton on December 15, 1955, to Kenneth & Imogene (Weaver) Runkle. A 1974 graduate of Southern Wells High School, Randy worked at Majestic / CFM in Huntington for 33 years and retired in 2008.

Randy was a self-taught backyard mechanic and all-round handyman with an elite small circle of incredible friends! He could work on anything with a motor and wheels. He loved drag racing, Indy car racing series and always looked forward to carbonation day with his son, Tanner, every May at the track. He loved spending time outdoors camping, hunting and target shooting. He enjoyed family vacations, riding motorcycles and listening to his Rock N Roll music.

Randy married his high school sweetheart, Yvette K. Gentis on October 3, 1976, at the Petroleum United Methodist Church, celebrating 46 years of marriage together.

Survivors include his wife, Yvette of Bluffton and children: Tanner Runkle, Brandy Runkle-Boxell, Cheyenne Schearer, all of Bluffton and Jasmine (Daniel) Ruiz of Columbia City.

Randy loved being a grandpa and was a jokester with his 6 grandchildren: Kali & Jakeb Boxell of Zanesville, Baylee & Alyssa Schearer of Pleasant Mills, Amelia (John) Ackerman of Fort Wayne and Daniela Ruiz of Columbia City and 1 great-granddaughter, Natalie Akerman of Fort Wayne.

Randy is also survived by his siblings; Theron (Clara) Miller of Bluffton, Kenna (Roger) Hippenhammer of Noblesville, a sister-in-law, Betty Runkle of Wolcottville, his in-laws; Bernie Kleinknight of Geneva, Tom (Kim) Gentis of Petroleum and Tracy (Rhonda) Gentis of McNatt, along with many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings; Karon Miller and Harold Runkle.

A service to Celebrate Randy's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday (Nov. 2, 2022) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Rev. Lyle Breeding and Pastor Steve Studabaker will officiate.

Visitation will take place from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Tuesday (Nov. 1, 2022) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made in Randy's memory to Body of Life Ministry at Sonlight Wesleyan Church. Burial will take place at a later date at Six Mile Cemetery in 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.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Randy S. Runkle*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 01, 2022 at 02:47 PM

TS

“ *To Randy's family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you.
I worked with Randy at Majestic for many years he was a good guy.
Terry*



Terry E Scher - November 10, 2022 at 09:39 PM

JM

“ *To all of Randy's family, you have my sympathy.
I worked with Randy many years ago at Majestic and enjoyed our conversations, he was a good guy.*



John Myers

John Myers - November 09, 2022 at 12:07 AM

LA

“ Yvette,
We are so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Dave & Lori Ackerman

Lori Ackerman - November 02, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randy S. Runkle.*



November 01, 2022 at 11:50 AM

BH

“ Yvette,
My heart aches for you & your family. May God fill your hearts with peace & comfort during this difficult time.

Becky Hanrahan - November 01, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Randy S. Runkle.*



November 01, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ 128 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 31, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Randy's passing love, and prayers to your family.

Sheila Herdman - October 31, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ Thinking of you and the family.. I know his is a difficult time for all of you.. love and prayers



Pat Mayer - October 30, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ Pat Mayer lit a candle in memory of Randy Runkle



Pat Mayer - October 30, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy S. Runkle.



October 30, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ Thinking of your family during this difficult time. Praying for you 🙏



Tetesa Moser - October 29, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ Thinking of you and your family, sorry for your loss . Kurt & Susie

Kurt Gentis - October 29, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ Yvette, just know I'm thinking of you. God will walk with you through this time. Been there. Know you are loved. Brenda Graves



BRENDA WILES - October 29, 2022 at 12:13 AM