



## Raymond P. Lanternier

August 4, 1939 - January 11, 2025

Raymond P. Lanternier, 85 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday evening, January 11, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 4, 1939, in Marion, Indiana to Joseph J. & Catherine (Wall) Lanternier. Ray graduated from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne in 1957. He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1965. He was the office manager and bookkeeper at Cline Lumber Company for 41 years, retiring in 2006.

Ray and Francile Gayle (Custer) were married on October 27, 1963, at Trinity UB Church in Decatur, by Rev. Fuhrman Miller and Rex Custer.

Ray was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church and Bluffton Optimist Club and Wells County Crime Stoppers.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Gayle Lanternier of Bluffton and daughter, Janell S. (Philip) Davis of Eugene, Oregon.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, his son, John J. Lanternier on October 14, 2010, and a brother, Earl J. Lanternier.

A time share memories and visit with the family will take place from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, (January 15, 2025) at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Ray's memory to the First United Methodist Church and can be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of 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

### OPEN HOUSE

JAN **15**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ *Gayle and Family -  
So sorry for your loss. May God Bless you with precious memories  
to bring you peace and comfort.  
Wayne and Glennis Henly*

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**Glennis Henly** - January 19, 2025 at 05:08 PM

DO

“ *Thinking of you! Our families have been friends for years. And so  
many memories of the years at Clines. You cannot work decades  
with someone without a lasting imprint on your life. Peace to you in  
a difficult time.*

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**Dave and Barb Oswalt** - January 15, 2025 at 12:23 PM

LT

“ *Dearest Gayle and Janell, ...where do Mike and I start to say how  
sad we are that Ray; brother, uncle, friend to 3 generations of  
Gernands as well as 3 generations of Tussings is gone from our  
lives? There are so, so many happy, beautiful, sad and even  
ridiculous memories: green sherbert punch at Christmas; bunny  
cakes at Easter; baptisms of yours and ours; ballgames and  
graduations - also yours and ours; gag gifts - parking meters,  
anyone? He supported everybody at the funerals and reminded us  
that God gives us the gift of eternal life...Ray lived a good life  
because he was a good man who chose a good wife and raised a  
good daughter and a good son. Ray's strength came from his faith;  
please be comforted as well by faith and by memories of his love for  
his family. God bless, Linda and Mike*

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**LINDA J TUSSING** - January 14, 2025 at 11:12 PM

JJ

“ To Gail and family, Dane and I are so sorry to hear of Ray's passing this past weekend.  
Dane and I will always remember his warm smile at church and how friendly you both were to our family. Just know that Dane and I are thinking of all of you. Prayers to all of you. Love Jennifer Jesse and Dane.

Jennifer Jesse - January 13, 2025 at 07:19 PM

LW

“ Love, The Whitlocks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond P. Lanternier.



Love, The Whitlocks - January 13, 2025 at 03:01 PM

LJ

“ Linda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond P. Lanternier.

Linda J. - January 13, 2025 at 12:59 AM

LJ

“ Linda J. purchased the Divine Light for the family of Raymond P. Lanternier.



Linda J. - January 13, 2025 at 12:59 AM

BC

“ Gail and Family so very sorry for your loss of your wonderful Husband Ray! So sad to hear the news about Rays passing! Such a kind beautiful soul that we will miss here on this earth! We have known Ray for many many year now as my twin brother Garry and I knew Ray as kids going into Cline Lumber Company! But we know that he is with his Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven now! Our Prayers are with u all as u Grieve his loss! 🙏🙏🙏 May got God u Peace, Grace, and Comfort in the days, weeks, months, and years to come! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - January 12, 2025 at 03:54 PM



Thank you

Janell Davis - January 13, 2025 at 12:19 AM

KB

To Ray's Gayle...sending much love to you as you continue to comprehend the loss of your Ray and know that he is forever in your heart and will be ever present watching you from his heavenly home. His daily mission has been to care for you and be there for you and he will be there with you in your precious memories of all the good times that will sustain you during this time of adjustment and will be anxiously awaiting the time when you each will be once again together. Please find comfort and peace as you remember the many precious times you shared together!

Karen Walker Bedwell - January 13, 2025 at 10:04 PM



Thank you, Janell

Janell Davis - January 23, 2025 at 12:43 AM

DG

“ Lots of good memories. We worked on a lot of Optimists service projects together over the last 45 yrs. Enjoyed each other company just visiting or our weekly phone calls. Going to miss him but I know he is enjoying a better life. Gayle and Janelle will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



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**Dan Gerdom** - January 12, 2025 at 02:03 PM



Thanks so much for your visits with Dad, Dan. It means a lot. To us and I'm sure, to him.

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**Janell Davis** - January 13, 2025 at 12:25 AM

GR

“ With deepest sympathy, I'm thinking of you, Gayle and Janelle, on the loss of Ray, a true friend.

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**George Rittenhouse** - January 12, 2025 at 12:58 AM

GR

And Ray always carried that smile. In all the years that I knew him, in the Optimist Club, in church, on the street, and in our homes, he extended that peaceful countenance.

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**George Rittenhouse** - January 12, 2025 at 02:06 PM