



## Richard "Dick" E. Thompson

April 16, 1951 - October 22, 2020

Richard E. "Dick" Thompson, 69 of Liberty Center, Indiana passed away on Thursday afternoon, October 22, 2020, at his residence.

Dick was born on April 16, 1951 in Bluffton to John Ware & Maxine (Markley) Thompson. He attended Liberty Center Elementary and Jr. High and graduated from Southern Wells High School in 1969. He served his country in the United State Army, serving in the military police from 1971 to 1973.

Dick was an active member for over 50 years of Boehmer United Methodist Church where he held many offices. He was also involved in the Friends of the Library and the Wells County Historical Society. Dick was an avid IU basketball fan and enjoyed working on family genealogy and completed 3 books of genealogy on both sides of his family. He will forever be remembered for his huge smile, his kindness he showed to everyone and for his jokes!

Dick retired as a packer at Pretzel's Inc. in Bluffton after 11 years and previously worked at Ludwig's, Maloley's and Gerber Super Value from 1973 to 2011.

Survivors include his brother, Jim Thompson of Liberty Center and nieces/nephews; Jeff (Tonya) Thompson of Pierceton Jami (Tim) Prough, Jennifer (Chris) Earhart and Troy McAfee, all of Bluffton. He is also survived by great nephews; Derek (Lacey) Prough, Jobe Thompson, Shelby Earhart, Josh Thompson, Trevor Prough and Jaci Prough along with two great-great-nieces and a great-great-nephew; Jason Prough, Emily Prough & Piper Earhart and several cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother Bill Thompson and a sister, Joyce Ann McAfee.

Above all else Dick loved God, his family and friends more than anything.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday (Oct. 28, 2020) from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service.

A funeral service will be held at 10: 30 A.M. on Thursday (Oct. 29, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Barry Humble. Burial will follow at Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center, Indiana with military honors by the United State Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the Boehmer United Methodist Church or to Mossburg Cemetery Association or the memorial of the donor's choice.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for Dick's service. We appreciate your cooperation and patience. 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

## Mossburg Cemetery

1300S 550W  
Liberty Center, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life Service

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OCT **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" E. Thompson*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 28, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *Richard "Dick" E. Thompson*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dick's smile always lit up a room. He was a one-of-a-kind guy who was dear to many. You will be missed. Fly with the angels.*  
*Jane (Leist) Ross*

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**Jane Ross** - November 04, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ *💔 I worked with Dick at Solms Shurway in 1973. He was a three-ring circus. We've remained friends over the years. I'll miss him terribly, especially at Street Fair. God bless you Dick.*

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**Valerie Jackson** - November 01, 2020 at 11:20 PM

GP

“ Oh the joy that Dick brought to everyone he knew. He was always so jolly, and kind and had time to stop and chat and ask of your family.  
I'll miss his positive attitude and cheerfulness. A really great guy!

Glenna Plummer - November 01, 2020 at 06:33 PM

BG

“ Jim, we are so sorry for the loss of your brother, Dick. He would always stop and chat when we would happen to be in the grocery store at the same time and that smile was always evident! Such a nice and seemingly happy man, and he was gracious as well, because I always called him Bill and he NEVER once corrected me! Your Mother was such a sweet woman too. Heaven must be lit up a little brighter because of Dick's smile. Thinking of you at this time.  
BJ and Marion Gray



Bj Gray - October 30, 2020 at 03:01 PM

LT

“ I worked with Dick at Ludwigs. Always looked forward to working with him. He was an awesome guy.

Linda Toole - October 28, 2020 at 10:36 PM

CR

“ our great American friend, who became family. We love & miss you so much Dick. We are all broken hearted. Till we meet again.  
Neil, Carmel, Emily, Jamie, Stephen, Ben & Taylor.💔💔💔

Carmel & Neil Richardson - October 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM

MM

“ Dear Jim and Family, Heaven has received more love and laughs from another family member--we will remember his shared joy. Seeing Dick at reunions is a memory i treasure. Distant cousins stayed closer because of his generosity of spirit. Marilyn Marks

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**Marilyn J Marks** - October 28, 2020 at 07:27 AM

JP

“ Dick was my best friend . He was supposed to move to Phoenix with me over 46 years . I think a girl changed his mind . We always had fun even though we lived nearly 2000 miles away we talked regularly .He came to Arizona several years ago and i usually go to Indiana every couple years and would spend a day together . We spent a day together the end of August im so thankful for that day and the time i got to spend with my Brother Dick

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**JOHN PATTERSON** - October 27, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JB

“ Dick's grandma and mine were sisters. What a sweet fellow,. Always, always so positive and so happy to see you. The past few years we've caught up at Street Fair when I came to town from Virginia, and I was so glad to see him last December at the Mayor's open house. He was just such a delight to be around. So sad for those of us left behind, but I feel certain that heaven is full of his joy and laughter now...

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**Jill (Ellis) Baughan** - October 27, 2020 at 11:02 AM

SK

“ Sorry for your loss. Like the obituary said, he always had a smile on his face. He was a good one.

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**Steve Kunkel** - October 27, 2020 at 10:46 AM

NW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dicks passing. I worked with him at the Bluffton Gerber's for several years. He was always full of life and so helpful to everyone. We were one big family! He spoke of his family often telling us about gatherings and especially Christmas Eve sleep overs! Dick was one of a kind. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Norma Whitacre - October 26, 2020 at 06:01 PM

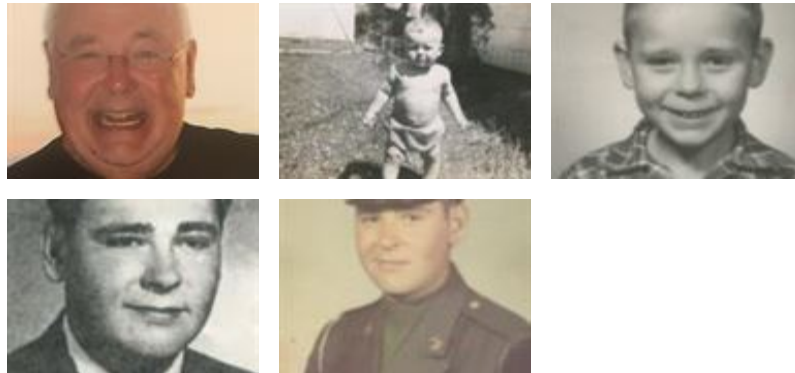
RP

“ Dear sweet loving and such a fun man. I have many many memories of Dick. He was always kind and sweet was just his nature. He kept me laughing and a lot of times laughing so hard I had tears !!! I will always treasure his friendship. He will missed by many !!! God Bless

Ruie Penrod - October 26, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 26, 2020 at 04:11 PM

CM

“ Jim and Family, So sorry for your loss. Dick was a great person and brought joy to many people. Wayne and I are thinking about you during this sad time.



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**Cindy Monticue** - October 26, 2020 at 02:46 PM

VN

“ Dick was my favorite cousin. We were best friends growing up in Bluffton. If I wasn't staying at the farm, he came into town and stayed with us. We had so much fun. Such a wonderful, caring person. We got into a lot of mischief together. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Heaven is lucky to have him.

*Vickie (Green) Nordberg*

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**vickie nordberg** - October 26, 2020 at 12:01 PM

KB

“ Dick was such a delight to be around and always had the best sense of humor. I was blessed to be able share many, many laughs with him over the years I've known him. He will be sadly missed by many people. Prayers to his family.

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**Kasey (Thomas) Bennett** - October 26, 2020 at 09:29 AM

GL

“ We spoke to Dick long distance some 25 years ago through mutual friends and from then considered him our friend. He will be so missed even though we are miles away. I'm so glad we got to meet him and enjoy his company both here in the UK and in Indiana he may be gone but he'll never be forgotten. Sending love and prayers to all his family.

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**Gill & Tony Lock** - October 26, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" E. Thompson.



October 26, 2020 at 07:18 AM



“ Worked with Dick at Pretzels he was a funny and caring guy..prayers for the family.. 🙏



**Sheree Hollingsworth** - October 26, 2020 at 05:43 AM



“ Trudy &Fred lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" E. Thompson



**Trudy &Fred** - October 25, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss, Praying for the family.

**David Shepherd** - October 25, 2020 at 11:30 AM



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**Valerie Jackson** - October 25, 2020 at 08:34 AM