



## Richard "Rocky" Rothgeb

August 1, 1939 - March 17, 2019

Richard L. "Rocky" Rothgeb, 79, of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at his residence.

Rocky was born on August 1, 1939 in Bluffton, Indiana to Ralph Rothgeb & Dorothy (Reed) Pence.

He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1957 and worked at Mix Mill, retiring from Fleetwood. In retirement, he worked for Standard Plastics. Rocky loved his church and was an active member of the Bluffton Church of God in Bluffton.

On April 18, 1976 in Bluffton, Rocky and Lottie M. (Tallant) Rothgeb were married. After 43 years of marriage, Lottie preceded Rocky in death on August 17, 2018.

Survivors include 8 children; Tony Ray (Rae Krystal) Rothgeb of Port St. John, FL, Lynnette Rose Rothgeb of Fort Wayne, Ricky Leroy Rothgeb of Fort Wayne, Christina Mae Rothgeb of Fort Wayne, James Lee (Dina) West of Loxberg, AR, Randy Max (Denise) West of Danville, AR, Vernon Elijah West of Fort Wayne, Brenda Kay (Scott) Strickler of Decatur, along with 21 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Rocky is also survived by siblings; Joyce Huss and Ruby Stidham both of Bluffton, and 4 half-siblings.

He is preceded in death by his parents and 2 grandchildren.

A Service to celebrate Rocky's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor John Roe and Pastor Ryan Marsh will officiate. Calling hours will take place from 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 on Thursday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Rocky's memory to the Bluffton Church of God, through the funeral home.

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).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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MAR **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Rocky" Rothgeb*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Marshall lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rocky" Rothgeb*



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**Marshall** - March 27, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Shirley Lane sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Rocky" Rothgeb*



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**shirley Lane** - March 21, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ DAD I really am lost for words !! But I do have lots of memories as a kid growing up .. the one thing that has stuck in my head was how we would watch western movies every Saturday and every Sunday was going to church .. when we would get there to be with you and Lottie we would go to the gas station on the corner and you would let us get a six pack of pop , some chips and some kind of candy .. But you would say now this is to last you the weekend Kiddo !! And as a kid I would think in the back of my mind oh well I know if I run out he would get me more because I am daddy's little girl ..My father was a great man he was gentle but yet stern.. He would hear you out and tell you exactly what he thought .. But one thing I always knew he loved his family more than life it's self .. daddy I love you and I will always remember the talks we had and the laughs we shared and the tears we cried .. until I see you again love you !!

*Love you daddy always your little girl Tina*

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**Tina Rothgeb** - March 21, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ Rocky known you for many years. Gonna miss your hugs on Sunday morning. I know you loved the Lord. You were a good friend. Gonna be missed by many. See you and Lottie in heaven. To the family you are my prayers.

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**Rochelle Jamison** - March 20, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ Our thoughts are with the family and we are so sorry for your loss. Rocky and Lottie are together again. Blessings to all of you.  
*Marion and BJ Gray*



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**BJGray** - March 20, 2019 at 09:47 PM

RR

“ Words can't explain the loss of a good God fearing man, beloved by family and friends alike. You are resting easy now, your journey here has been done grandpa you were a rock in our lives here on earth and now a Angel for us In Heaven. Rest Easy.. Jeremy and Paul take care of grandpa . Until we meet again ❤️



Rodney Rothgeb - March 20, 2019 at 01:44 PM

LW

“ rocky it wont be the same without you no more but i can remmber allthe good times we had when i see you and the jokes you told to me and i was dum enough to beleave you and you was always telling me just kidding well i will just hang on to all of this i sure going to miss you very much we shared lots of memorys you always made me laugh when i didnt think i could.. we love you very much rocky but we will see you on the other side.

larry and bernice wine - March 20, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard "Rocky" Rothgeb.



March 20, 2019 at 08:41 AM

QR

“ I love you grandpa rocky you will be truly missed rih



quesha rothge - March 19, 2019 at 07:45 PM

MR

“ My grandpa my mother's father got called home to the Lord even tho we are hurting and full of pain he's happy now with our father!!!  
🥹🥹 Ur definitely gonna be missed but we will keep your memory alive with Jeremy and Paul love u grandpa

Mendy Rothgeb - March 19, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rocky" Rothgeb.



March 19, 2019 at 05:11 PM

SL

“ Uncle Rocky I'm so sorry 2 hear u have left us. U will b missed. I will never 4get our fun times at the roller skating rink in Bluffton. We were good on those skates. U were my dance partner on skates, & u helped me 2 skate better backwards. RIP Gone but not 4gotten.

shirley Lane - March 19, 2019 at 04:27 PM



TA

“ Uncle Rocky u will be miss by a lot of people you was a great man and a great father, husband, uncle, grandpa. I will miss your story's that you told my girls loved hearing them I think that because they was always about me they got a kick out of them . I love you uncle Rocky ❤️



Tammy - March 18, 2019 at 01:23 PM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rocky" Rothgeb



Tammy - March 18, 2019 at 01:07 PM

DA

Sorry to hear of your loss. Worked with Rocky for a short time, many years ago. Really nice person. He always remembered me when I saw him. Will miss you, Rocky. Dave Aker.

David Aker - March 20, 2019 at 08:22 AM