



Richard L. Sills

May 31, 1929 - November 13, 2009

Richard L. Sills, 80, of Bluffton, passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 13, 2009. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family. Mr. Sills was born May 31, 1929, in Bluffton, to James and Alvena (Graham) Sills. He was a 1947 graduate of Bluffton High School where he was active in all sports. He received the Robert Baumgartner award. He attended Wabash College. He married Joan (Moser) in Bluffton on July 10, 1949, and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past summer. In 1996 he retired from the Cline Kitchen Center in Bluffton. He had a 38-year career designing and installing kitchen cabinets for Lynn Koehlinger, Broadway Lumber, Swisher Lumber, and Cline Lumber. He was in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1955 to 1959. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served on several boards and committees and was a Sunday school teacher. He was also a longtime member of the Lions Club. He was an avid golfer, belonging to Timber Ridge Golf Course. He was very proud of his four holes-in-one. He is survived by his wife, Joan, of Bluffton; two daughters, Kathi (Dave) Hartman of Marion and Karen (Kevin) Reed of Bluffton; two sons, Rick (Cheryl) Sills of Bluffton and Ted (Karen) Sills of Decatur; and 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kris Barger, and a sister, Ramona Miller. Calling hours are 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral home and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Bud Abrams officiating.

Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church, Family Hospice and Palliative Care, and Christian Care.
Online condolences: www.thomarich.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry St.
Bluffton, IN

Service

NOV 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. Sills*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard L. Sills*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *My sincere condolences on the passing of your father. I always remember him as a man of great vitality and spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Niblick-Veeneman##imported-end##

November 26, 2009 at 08:19 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about your father. Sorting through Mom's (Lucy Fair) house I found a large picture of the "Under the Tree Gang" at then Parlor City Country Club. Our dads were both in that picture. Bet they have already played a Perfect round together. Many thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.
Sincerely,
Dave & Barb###imported-begin###Dave & Barb Oswalt###imported-end##

November 23, 2009 at 12:01 PM



“ Just wanted to let you know that it was a joy to take care of your father @ Bluffton Regional. He was a very quiet man with few words, but still I enjoyed his stories & conversations. It was also a pleasure to get to know your family. He should be proud to have such a loving family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time###imported-begin###Kim Hess###imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 03:32 AM



“ Sorry about your loss. I am glad I got to know him and the family(that I found out I was related to). My thoughts and prayers are with the family.###imported-begin###Becky Aschliman (continuing care)###imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 03:29 AM



“ Kathy, Rick, and Ted--please accept my condolences on the passing of your dad. It seems eerie returning the favor so soon after you were kind enough to show up for my dad. Your support meant a great deal to me then, and it was especially gratifying that Dick took the time to lend his support at that time.

Your old man was a real stand up guy, and whether you're aware of it or not provided faux parenting services to your neighbors at 220 when (especially Asa and I) needed it--and unlike you, Rick and Ted, we listened respectfully before disregarding his sermons! Dick and Izzie were also a pair of real characters--as much as those guys liked to talk, we always wondered who did most of the speaking when they had a conversation. Mark##imported-begin##Mark Niblick##imported-end##

November 17, 2009 at 09:14 AM



“ To the Sills family--So sorry to hear of your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers across the miles. God bless and rest in peace Mr. Sills.##imported-begin##Lisa (Garrett) Fonacier##imported-end##

November 17, 2009 at 08:40 AM



“ Joan & family

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this time of grief. We wish we could be with you, but cannot come. Dick had a good long life and I am sure your remembrances of him will be good and pleasaant. I always appreciated his calm and gentle manner. God be with you. --- Ron & Joyce##imported-begin##Ronald L. Moser##imported-end##

November 17, 2009 at 07:12 AM



“ Dear Joan and family, Our most sincere sympathy is with all of you at this time. May our God, please, give you comfort and blessings at this "thorn-covered path" you are crossing now. May His peace cover you and His Love shine on you.##imported-begin##Floyd N. Moser and Nancy Swafford##imported-end##

November 16, 2009 at 09:43 PM



“ Dear Joan,
So sorry to hear about Dick.

Although we cannot be there our thoughts and prayers are with you.

May your faith bring you comfort. I know your family is such a blessing.

Maynard##imported-begin##Maynard and Barbara Moser##imported-end##

November 16, 2009 at 07:50 PM



“ Joanne,

I am sorry to hear of Dick's passing. You and the family are in our prayers. May you find the strength to get through this time in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Pastor Chris Prater##imported-end##

November 16, 2009 at 06:16 PM



“ Ted -

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Shane Cauble##imported-end##

November 16, 2009 at 02:47 PM



“ *I was so sad to read about your dad in the News-Banner. He was a SAINT to have us all hanging around - those slumber parties, summer evenings on your porch, kickball in the backyard, a herd in the front room waiting to walk to school on snowy mornings, how your family drank Pepsi and ours drank Coke. Thanks for sharing him with me - he was like another dad during those years. I expect to see him at the Pearly Gates, young and wearing a white T-shirt! My sincere sympathies to you all -##imported-begin##ann hamilton shields##imported-end##*

November 16, 2009 at 02:28 PM