



Robert "Bob" L. Clifton

April 2, 1945 - December 25, 2025

Robert L. "Bob" Clifton, 80 of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday evening, December 25, 2025, at his residence.

Bob was born on April 2, 1945, in Muncie, IN. to Hershel and Elsie (Wright) Clifton. He graduated from Gray High School in Portland, IN. with the class of 1963. He was a lifelong farmer in Jay and Wells County for 61 years, retiring in 2023. He also worked at Morgan Packing for two seasons, Sheller's Globe for two years, Westinghouse, Drop Forge, Steffen John Deere and Smith's Garage & Trucking. Bob was known for telling jokes, gambling for fun and playing cards in his barn with neighbors, friends and his son, Mike. He was creative and always rigging together anything and everything to create something new.

On December 10, 1965, Bob and Carolyn "Sue" (Cowan) Clifton were married in Portland, IN. They just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 10, of this year.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Clifton, their three children, Mike (Ella) Clifton of Warren, Valerie (Shane) Harnish of Bluffton, and Amy (Deon) Steffen of Bluffton.

He is also survived by with ten grandchildren, Brandon Clifton, Dacia Irelan, Chelsea (Jay) Buchan, Cody Smith, Chantel Smith, Devin Clifton, Landon Clifton, Olivia Pula, Morgan (Dillon) Myers, and Levi Steffen, and 11 great-grandchildren, Calvin Buchan, Bailey Buchan, Brinnley Myers, Adrian Buchan, Leah Myers, Melanie Barr, Bradley Barr, Matthew Smith, Chloe Smith, Jaxson

Smith and Alejandro Hernandez.

Bob is also survived by his sister, Carol (Don) McQueary of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hersel and Elsie Clifton and his siblings, Richard "Dick" Clifton, Arita Jeannine Coats, Dorothy Marlene Schell and Patricia Clifton (stillborn).

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, (Dec. 31, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Jeff Lemler officiating.

Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery south of Bluffton.

Visitation will take place from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Tuesday, (Dec. 30, 2025) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

The family request in lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials be made in Bob's memory to Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing 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 may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Stahl Cemetery

3191 E 700 S
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

DEC 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" L. Clifton*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 30, 2025 at 03:16 PM

TB

“ *Amy, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Extending our sympathy to you and your family. May you find comfort in many fond memories.*

Leon and Tammy Berning

Tammy Berning - January 01 at 08:45 AM

TC

“ *We are keeping you all in our prayers.
Sincerely, The Cale Family*

Troy Cale - December 31, 2025 at 01:21 PM

DS

“ *Prayers for healing of your heart at this time
Amy and all of family. Thinking of you.*



Debra Smith - December 30, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ 124 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - December 29, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ Your Castle Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" L. Clifton.

Your Castle Team - December 29, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Clifton.



December 29, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Clifton.



December 29, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ Love Douglas, Dean, and Coats Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" L. Clifton.

Love Douglas, Dean, and Coats Family - December 29, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ Sherry, Kathryn, Sabra, & Colette purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" L. Clifton.



Sherry, Kathryn, Sabra, & Colette - December 29, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Condolences to the family

Jon Elliott - December 27, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ Sorry for your loss 🙏



Trudy Murray - December 26, 2025 at 08:49 PM