



## Mr. Robert Dale Morrissey

July 11, 1922 - December 10, 2013

Robert Dale Morrissey 91 of Bluffton passed away at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at Markle Health & Rehab Center.

Mr. Morrissey was born in Wells County, Indiana on July 11, 1922 to Thomas Michael & Hattie Marie (Pruitt) Morrissey. He graduated from Rockcreek High School with the class of 1940. He served his country in the United States Army from October of 1942 and was honorably discharged in January of 1949 as a Staff Sergeant in the 128th Infantry Regiment.

On February 14, 1952 in Bluffton at St. Joseph Catholic Church, he married Evelyn Haflich. They have shared the last 61 years of marriage together.

Dale was an Owner / Partner in the Haflich & Morrissey Shoe Store. He worked in the Bluffton Store starting in 1939 and moved to Decatur in 1950 to open and operate the Haflich & Morrissey Shoe Store in Decatur. After retirement in 1984, his favorite activities were mowing and enjoying the outdoors. In 2003 Dale & Evelyn moved back to Bluffton. His favorite expression was " Oh Happy Day".

Dale was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton. He was a 4th Degree - Knights of Columbus in Decatur along with a member of the 3rd Order of St. Francis. He was an active member of the Decatur Optimist Club for 43 years, where he was awarded perfect attendance for that time, and a member of the Bluffton Optimist Club for 7 years.

Dale is survived by his wife Evelyn of Bluffton along with children; Nancy (Larry) Leitz, Janet (Doug) Lehman and Michael (Jill) Morrissey all of Bluffton and Patrick Morrissey of Fort Wayne. He was a proud grandpa to 4 grandchildren; Nathaniel "Nate" (Erica) Lehman, Gregory Lehman of Bluffton, Nicole (Doug) Miller of Fort Wayne, Matthew (Jordan) Morrissey of Zionsville and 3 great-grandchildren; Carter Allen Lehman and Cadence Danielle Lehman and Cale David Morrissey.

He is preceded in death by his brother Harold Morrissey.

Calling Hours will be held from 2 to 7 on Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Prayer Service & Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. following calling. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec 14, 2013) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father Pius N. Ilechukwu and Father Steve Colchin officiating, with calling for one hour prior to Mass at the Church. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery with military honors performed by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made in Dale's memory to the Bluffton Optimist Club or Mass of Intentions at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Friends can send online condolences to the Morrissey family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 N Main St  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

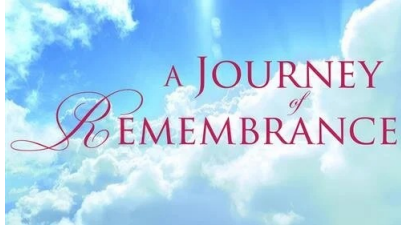
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Robert Dale Morrissey*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Robert Dale Morrissey*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *The Nowak family was so sorry to hear about Mr. Morrissey. We have very many memories of him and his family. He was such a kind and gentle man. He will be missed!*



Pam and Steve Koenig (Nowak)iu - September 13, 2014 at 02:13 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of such a fine man. Encountering him was always a treat, since he always had an upbeat word. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Craig Leonard*

Craig Leonard - December 15, 2013 at 11:08 AM



“ *To the Morrissey Family. Sorry I was unable to attend the funeral as planned because of the weather, but you all are in my prayers. He was so much fun to be around at the family gatherings and he will be missed. To my brother, Larry and his wife Nancy, wish I could have been there to support you. Love you both very much. Patti Robertson*

Patricia Robertson - December 14, 2013 at 10:32 AM

NL

*It was a beautiful celebration of his life. thanks for your prayers.*

nancy leitz - December 16, 2013 at 09:00 PM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Spent many days working with him in the Decatur shoe store and always enjoyed his company. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Angela (Morningstar) Sonnenberg*

angela sonnenberg - December 14, 2013 at 09:27 AM

RH

“ Rod & Sandy Harruff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Dale Morrissey



Rod & Sandy Harruff - December 13, 2013 at 02:40 PM

DB

“ Dwight & Nancy Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Dale Morrissey



Dwight & Nancy Baker - December 12, 2013 at 09:41 PM

JJ

“ Mike and Jill and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I know Jill and I were just talking about Dale and what a wonderful conversation you had w/your dad, considering everything. Pls know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during your time of sadness. Love to everyone, The Jesse's.*

Jennifer Jesse - December 12, 2013 at 02:26 PM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Dale Morrissey.*



December 12, 2013 at 11:35 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to your family. I use to be an alter boy many years ago at St. Mary's in Decatur and would often serve when Mr. Morrissey would lector. Although those days may have been long forgotten, I recall what a positive influence and genuinely nice man he was. God Bless,*

**John Beery** - December 12, 2013 at 09:53 AM

MA

“ *Condolences from the Staff of Markle Health & Rehab in your time of sorrow.*

**Marty Atkinson** - December 12, 2013 at 06:34 AM

DL

“ *Dale was such an encouragement to all of us when we played on the Monroe Lions baseball team a few lifetimes ago. He was almost always there to cheer on Mike & Pat, but yelled for all of us. My favorite was when he'd say, "Two out, boys, let's get a double play!" It always made me laugh then and has for all these years. Thanks, Dale!*

**Dan Lambert** - December 11, 2013 at 09:49 PM

PM

*What a memory, I needed a laugh today. Thanks Dan.*

**Pat Morrissey** - December 13, 2013 at 09:00 AM

RD

“ *Nancy and Mike, I was sorry to learn of your Father's passing. I remember well his dedication to his Faith and the K of C. I always appreciated your friendship and have great memories from my years in Bluffton. You will remain in my thoughts.*

*Randy Danielson*

**Randy Danielson** - December 11, 2013 at 03:58 PM