



## Roger D. Bayes

May 17, 1963 - February 6, 2026

Roger D. Bayes, 62 of Fort Wayne, passed away on Friday evening, February 6, 2026, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on May 17, 1963, in Ironton, Ohio to Henry L. Bayes & Gracie (Gibson) Fry and graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1982. Roger worked as a truck driver for most of his working career. His orneriness and loud laugh will forever be remembered by his family and friends with a smile! He loved his longtime companion and dog, Roxie, who Roger left the hospital to find a good home, before his final medical procedure.

Roger married Sharon K. (Cates) Bayes of September 10, 1999, and were married for 20 years, before she preceded him in death on January 12, 2019. Survivors include 6 siblings: Jerry Bayes of Fort Wayne, Brenda K. Bayes of Fort Wayne, Ronnie Bayes, David Bayes and Arlene Copeland, all of Florida and Charlene Fry of Fort Wayne, along with many nieces and nephews.

Roger is preceded in death by his wife Sharon, and siblings, Michael Bayes, Linda Bayes, Della Bayes and John Bayes.

A private family service will take place with Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will take place in the Bayes family plot in Fairview Cemetery, next to Sharon. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Bayes family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



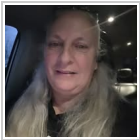
“ *Roxie will be well taken care of. I am blessed to have her. Thank you!* ”

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**Kay Fawcett** - February 08 at 09:23 PM



“ *Wow I can't believe this I remember the good times we all had running together and yes he would crack me up when Sharon would get on to him,Roger was like a brother to me he will definitely be missed especially him acting silly and laughing all the time* ”

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**Lynnette Rothgeb** - February 07 at 08:24 PM



“ *Omg that man was fun to be around , specially when his wife Sharon.,would get after him. Love you both . God you 2 back together watch out Heaven , you got your hands full now.* ”

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**Doris Brickley** - February 07 at 05:26 PM