



## Ruby Elizabeth Betz- Eckelbarger

August 19, 1967 - December 9, 2010

Ruby Elizabeth Betz- Eckelbarger, 43 of Bluffton, passed through the gates of heaven as the kingdom rejoiced for her arrival.

Ruby was diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer in August, and passed away at home with her family by her side, on December 9, 2010.

Ruby is a mother of four; Amber Eltzroth 28, Fawntasha Garner 26, Brooks Baumgartner 21 and Kearstin Meeks 17, and a grandma to Kourtlynn 5 & Savannah 1, all residing in Bluffton. Ruby is united with her father, the late Frederick (Pete) Betz, and surviving are her husband David Eckelbarger, mother Dee Malott, her brother John and Thomas Betz, and her sisters, Ethel Betz, all of Bluffton, and Gwendolyn Betz of Muncie.

Ruby's wishes were not to have an ordinary obituary article, and requested this announcement be acknowledged as a joyful new beginning.

Friends are invited to visit with Ruby's family from 1 to 7 on Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A service to celebrate her life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 12, 2010 in the funeral home with Samuel Eckelbarger and George Dillman officiating, with calling 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Family Hospice & Palliative Care. Friends can send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

DEC 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Elizabeth Betz- Eckelbarger*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruby Elizabeth Betz- Eckelbarger*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *If you we're ever blessed with her presence than you too know she was an angel long before she got those wings. Nevertheless she worked hard to earn them. It took us a minute but modda you'd be proud. The tears never stop. We miss you so much. Even with tears in my eyes I smile because your pain is gone and I know god keeps you safe. See you on the other side. I love u my rock. Love always-Amber*

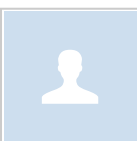


Amber Eltzroth - December 30, 2012 at 12:34 AM



“ *Its been a year and a half since you left us here. Time does not heal or make it easier. I cherish the memories we did make but saddened by the ones we still should of had time to make. I believe you are Eli's guardian angel and I appreciate it that you still have my back even when you are not here. Sis I love and miss you more each day!*

Ethel Habegger - July 08, 2012 at 10:46 AM



“ *i was married to ruby you well be missed no one could ever asked for a better wife loving and caring and a great mother love always david###imported-begin###david w eckelbarger###imported-end###*

December 20, 2010 at 11:54 PM



“ Dee and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Ruby was such a wonderful person and always brought a smile to everyone. I am sorry Ethel, Thomas, John, and Gwen that you had to lose such a great sister. Amber, Tosha, Brooks and Keirstan I am sorry that your Mom was called to heaven so soon. She will never leave you and I know she would want you all to be happy. Please know that God will help you, as you face this hardship. I pray for all of you to be comforted. God bless you all. My deepest sympathy to you all. I am sorry I couldnt be there in your time of need. You are all in my prayers. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Misty Peters-Kinsey##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ I HEARD OF MY COUSINS PASSING AND WAS SADDENED BY HER BODY LEAVING US, BUT I KNOW RUBY...HER SOUL GOES ON. SHE WAS AN AWESOME DAUGHTER, MOTHE, SISTER, FRIEND AND COUSIN. I AM OK WITH THIS BECAUSE SHE IS IN NO MORE PAIN AND IS THERE WITH UNCLE PETE, GRANDMA AND GRANDPA. YOU WILL BE SO MISSED RUBY. SEE SOMEDAY AGAIN. LOVE AND PRAYERS TO DAVE, KIDS AND GRANDBABIES.##imported-begin##BETH OHERN-GRUPY##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 08:58 AM



“ Ruby was such a sweet lady, and often did my hair when I worked in Bluffton. I was not aware she was ill, and am so sorry to hear of her passing. May God be with her family as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Nelle Marie Brown##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ruby was a wonderful person and a friend. We want you all to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace in this time of your loss. God Bless each of you, Sincerley, Jesse & Narda Lewis##imported-begin##Narda Lewis##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 12:21 PM



“ Ruby was a true friend, never did i see a bad day when she was near. She had the kindest heart of anyone i have known. I will never forget her and her beautiful smile. My heart breaks for her family, I know they will miss her tremendously. So so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Debbie Gardner##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 07:44 AM



“ Thomas sorry to hear about your loss. Taneka and I will keep you and your entire family in our thoughts and prayers...GOD BLESS

Tankea Garrett & Ryan Eisenhut###imported-begin###Ryan A Eisenhut###imported-end##

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December 11, 2010 at 04:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ruby passing away. She was a strong gal, and loved her children, and grandchildren so very much. She was proud to get her own hair salon, "Brakkatease", and I was so sorry to hear of her illness. God's Blessings to all of her loved ones.###imported-begin###BJ Gray###imported-end##

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December 11, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ What a privilege to know such a beautiful soul. Ruby made me laugh every time I was privileged to meet with her. God bless all the family.....love and hugs....I will never forget her.

brenda###imported-begin###BRENDA D WILES###imported-end##

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December 11, 2010 at 12:30 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Ruby was a wonderful person and will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to ruby's family.###imported-begin###Kim Barton###imported-end##

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December 10, 2010 at 10:47 PM



“ im so sorry to hear of ruby's passing. she was a wonderdul woman and will be missed. my thoughts and prayers to all of you.###imported-begin###amy newnum###imported-end##

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December 10, 2010 at 06:52 PM



“ dee and the kids and ruby:s kids i am so sorry for your loss. ruby was the kindest and sweetest girl i rember she was ajoy to know .. i am praying for ur family love susie and brandi###imported-begin###susie(hupp)hatten brandi:s mom###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 06:52 PM



“ Ruby,  
You were very special. We went to high school together and were good friends. I was sad to hear of your passing but you are in a better place. I will see you in heaven when I get there. Lia (Brinneman) Kaser###imported-begin###Lila Kaser###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 05:28 PM



“ I have known Ruby & her entire family for a many number of years. She watched me grow up & I watched as Ruby's children grew (especially Brooks & Kearstin). I also remember very well when Ruby graduated from cosmetology school.

I know that no words I write will ease the pain that family & friends have. The world has lost a wonderful person. What the world has lost, heaven has gained. God has a wondrous healing power, unfortunately no human doctor knows these bounds. I know she is dancing on streets made of gold with a body that has no pain or suffering. God bless Ruby & all her family & friends in this time.###imported-begin###Mr & Mrs Juan C (Darlene Tuttle) Iglesias-Cruz###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 04:32 PM



“ To Tom and all of Ruby's family. We are very sorry to hear of Ruby's passing. She was a very hard working, sweet lady and will be missed by many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Angie & Corey McFarren###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 03:30 PM



“ Hello...Just wanted to say to Ruby's family, that she had a beautiful smile, & she will be missed. My thoughts & prayers are with her family.###imported-begin###Roger V. Foss###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 11:09 AM



“ God, where to begin, Ruby was an awesome lady, one i will never forget, she was a person that i considered to be my second mom when her and my dad Mike were together, and even after. She was a person that could take alot and give even more. It breaks my heart to know that she had to suffer but now she is with god and not suffering.

*Rest in Paradise Rube, and keep my dad company!*

*Love you!*

*Hang in there fam, from experiance it is going to get worse before it gets better.*

*We Love you all very much*

*Jennifer and Family##imported-begin##Jennifer Cook and Family##imported-end##*

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December 10, 2010 at 10:57 AM



“ RUBY , YOU WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY FRIEND'S .YOUR IN NO MORE PAIN . YOUR IN A WONDERFUL PLACE WERE YOU WILL NEVER GROW OLD .YOU WILL NEVER BE PAIN AGIN. GOD TOOK A WONDERFUL WOMEN TO HEVEN. WE WILL ALL MEET UP THERE ONE DAY .##imported-begin##Connie Anderson##imported-end##

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December 09, 2010 at 09:52 PM



“ You better saving me a seat in tha salon chair sweetie. I love you Ruby!##imported-begin##Dawn Heckert##imported-end##

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December 09, 2010 at 08:30 PM



“ Ruby you were one of a kind. Now you are up visiting your birth father and your heavenly father. Ruby is no longer in pain. The family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Turner's##imported-end##

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December 09, 2010 at 07:32 PM



“ To All the Family, I'm so sorry to hear the news today of Ruby passing. Ruby was a wonderful person, hard worker. My heart goes out to each one of you. Dee you been a great friend over the many years I will be here for you. My prayers our with you always. All the family my door is open always to you. Ruby will be very sadly missed. Her memories will always be in our heart. Love all of you,  
Penny###imported-begin###Penny Gehrett & Family###imported-end##

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December 09, 2010 at 02:59 PM