



## Sharon S. Thomas

August 1, 1941 - July 28, 2020

Sharon S. Thomas, 78 of Berne and a longtime rural Bluffton resident, passed away on Tuesday evening, July 28, 2020, at Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne.

Sharon was born on August 1, 1941 in South Bend, Indiana to Thorson Allen & Margarete (Miller) Howe. She graduated from Geneva High School in 1960 and retired as an inspector for EPC in Geneva in 1985.

Sharon and Merle H. Thomas were married on March 15, 1985 and he preceded her in death on December 20, 2002.

Sharon was a past president of the Wells County Extension Homemakers Club and was very involved in the Eastern Star – Crescent Chapter and served as Past Matron of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Daughters of the Nile, where she was a past officer and Queen in 2005.

Survivors include a brother, Frank (Barbara) Howe of Berne and a granddaughter, Tamerley Thomas of Craigville, along with a stepbrother, Terry Miller of Columbia City and a step-sister, Peggy (Ted) Kunkel of Florida and a niece, Laura Jacobson of Pittsburgh, PA.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Merle, a step-son, Thomas N. Thomas, and her step-mother, Raedeen Howe.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon on Tuesday (August 4, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Dave Cox officiating. An Eastern Star Memorial Service will also be part of Sharon's

funeral service.

Burial will follow at the Stahl Cemetery south of Bluffton, just next to where Merle and Sharon lived for many years.

Calling hours will be held from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon on Tuesday, prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children Hospital.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for Sharon's service at the funeral home. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Stahl Cemetery

3191 E 700 S  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sharon S. Thomas

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ I first met Sharon, when we moved here, and attended the Geneva United Methodist Church, then later she moved to our neighborhood and we went to various Methodist events together. Then she, Merle, Howard and I went to many Masonic functions together. She was funny, but a dedicated Eastern Star lady, Rest in Peace dear friend !

Glenna Plummer - August 05, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ To the family, Sharon was a wonderful lady to know. You have our deepest sympathy on your loss. At least now she reunited with Merle & the rest of her family in heaven. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ed & Celia (Moser) Dunmoyer

Celia Dunmoyer - July 31, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Julie Puckett lit a candle in memory of Sharon S. Thomas



Julie Puckett - July 30, 2020 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Peggy and Jerry purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sharon S. Thomas.*



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**Peggy and Jerry** - July 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM