



## Shirley J. Blocker

January 7, 1935 - February 18, 2024

Shirley J. Blocker, 89 of Bluffton, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, (Feb. 18, 2024), surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on January 7, 1935, in Fort Recovery, Ohio to Alfred J. & Era Loran (Matthews) Norris.

Shirley graduated from Pennville High School with the class of 1953. She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Bluffton Regional Medical Center for over 25 years, where she was loved by her coworkers, doctors, and patients.

On July 27, 1957, in Columbus, Ohio, Shirley and James "Jim" L. Blocker were married. They shared 54 years of marriage together before he preceded her in death on November 8, 2011. They enjoyed many years on their farm on road 400N raising their children, growing vegetables, managing the farm & livestock, and enjoying their grandchildren. Shirley was blessed with a green thumb and always had beautiful gardens and flowers. She was a wonderful cook and loved making and enjoying meals with her family around the table. Over the years, Jim & Shirley have been active members of both Murray Missionary and Hope Missionary Church.

In 1996, Jim & Shirley moved to Palm Harbor, Florida, and considered their Florida neighbors and friends as family. They both enjoyed traveling, bowling, fishing, and playing cards with friends. Shirley enjoyed hosting family and friends visiting their Florida home while running around on the golf cart, eating out and going to the beach.

Survivors include her children; J. Chris (Angie) Blocker of Rochester, Cheryl A. (Brian) Buckland of Bluffton and Curt (Heidi) Blocker of Peoria, Arizona, along with 8 grandchildren; Brandon Blocker of Greenwood, IN, Ryan (fiancé Abby) Blocker of Fairmount, IN, Ashley Yocum of Muncie, IN, Aaron Buckland of Ossian, IN, Aimee (Cory) Lucabaugh of Markle, IN and James, Rebecca & Jaydon Blocker, all of Peoria, AZ along with 5 great-grandchildren; Angel Blocker & William Blocker of Noblesville, IN, Ariane Yocum of Muncie, IN, Finn Buckland of Ossian, IN and Adleigh Lucabaugh of Markle, IN.

Shirley is also survived by a brother, Dick Norris of Clearwater, FL.

She is preceded in death by siblings; Joan Hartley, Bill Norris, Jim Norris, Sam Norris and Alfred J. Norris, and an infant sister, Marha Lou Norris.

Friends are invited to visit with Shirley's family from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. on Friday (Feb. 23, 2024) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at the conclusion of visitation at 6 P.M. on Friday, (Feb. 23, 2024), at the funeral home with her son, Curt Blocker officiating.

Memorials may be made to Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation, M.S. Society or Stillwater Hospice, 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 can send online condolences to Shirley's family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Northridge Community Mausoleum located in Fairview Cemetery

3101 East St. Rd. 124  
Bluffton, In

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 23. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley J. Blocker*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 23, 2024 at 03:57 PM

SK

“ *Chris, Cheryl, Curt and families: Sorry to hear about your Mom. I always like her (and your Dad). It's been many years since I've seen her or you for that matter. I trust you have many wonderful memories to share and hold on to. May her memory last in your hearts and minds forever.*

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**Stephen W Kunkel** - February 23, 2024 at 02:05 PM

DF

“ *David and Kathy Collins & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Blocker.*

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**David and Kathy Collins & family** - February 23, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Blocker.*



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February 23, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ *Andy and Lara Norris purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shirley J. Blocker.*

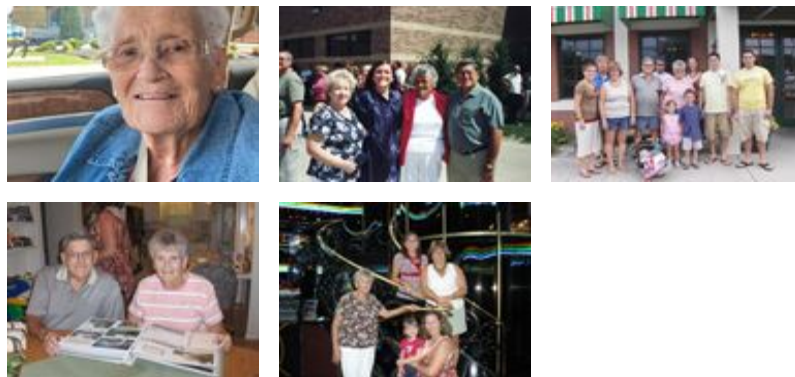


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**Andy and Lara Norris** - February 22, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ *152 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 22, 2024 at 04:20 PM

DI

“ Dick purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Shirley J. Blocker.



Dick - February 20, 2024 at 09:24 AM

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“ Uncle Dick and Aunt Jeannie And Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley J. Blocker.



Uncle Dick and Aunt Jeannie And Family - February 20, 2024 at 09:24 AM

WS

“ With Love, Ryan, Abbey and Stone purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley J. Blocker.



With Love, Ryan, Abbey and Stone - February 19, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Blocker.



February 19, 2024 at 04:20 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss but God has another Angel to add to His millions.

*Shirley loved it here in The Village of Lake Tarpon and we loved her just as much. Her favorite pastime was playing cards with her many friends, working puzzles and sharing her faith. She will be greatly missed each winter. Many blessings to her family.*

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**Sharon Morrow** - February 19, 2024 at 09:21 AM