



Thelma J. Studabaker

November 9, 1940 - August 8, 2025

Thelma J. Studabaker, 84 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday afternoon, August 8, 2025, at Parkview Hospital - Randallia in Fort Wayne.

Thelma was born on November 9, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Virgil James & G. Iona (Pace) Sparks.

She attended Petroleum High School. She was a hard worker. She started working at the age of 16 at G. C. Murphy's. She worked for Fryback's Ice Cream and was instrumental in opening stores for K-Mart and Pak-A-Sak, along with working at the Toll Gate Motel. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was involved in Kate's Kitchen. She loved spending time with her family and had a lifelong love for horses!

Thelma and Jimmie Dean Ramseyer were married from 1958 until 1979. Then in 1985, Thelma and James B. "Butch" Studabaker were married until his passing in 2005.

Survivors include her children, James B. Studabaker, II. of Bluffton, Sheila (John) Ramseyer-Flotow of Vera Cruz, Kristina (Paul) Patton of Avilla, a special niece, Vicki Hall of Bluffton, and a son-in-law, Gerry Sinks of Raleigh, NC. She was a loving grandma to 9 grandchildren, Amber Ramseyer, Richard Rodeheffer, Cody Ramseyer, Jason Sinks, Trystan Morey, Jessica Sinks, Brittany Mongeau, Cyara Mongeau and Zoey Kemp, along with 9 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Jimmie Ramseyer, her second husband, James B. "Butch" Studabaker, a daughter, Linda Sinks,

a son, Jerry Dean Ramseyer, and one granddaughter, Lilly Ewers and a great-great-granddaughter, Luna Schlabach.

Visitation will be held from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services will take place at 2 P.M. on Friday, (Aug. 15, 2025) at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at Six Mile Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kate's Kitchen in care of the First United Methodist Church or Grace & Mercy Ministries.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



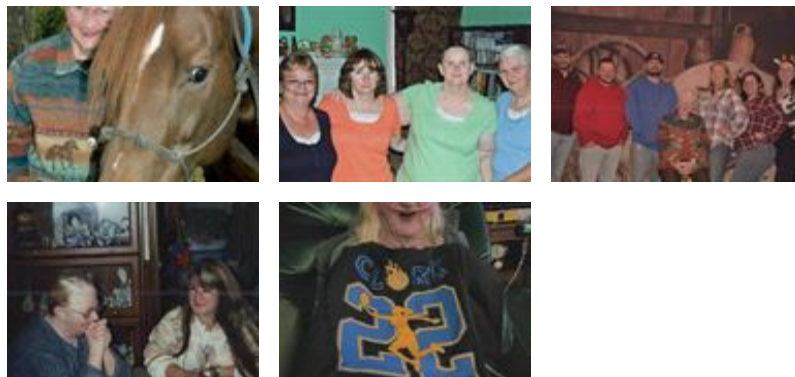
“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thelma J. Studabaker*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 14, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ *148 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 14, 2025 at 11:12 AM

GP

“ Ramseyer Young Ladies, I'm so sorry to hear of Thelma's going home to be with her dear friend Jesus. She and I go way back, when she babysat my grankids, and we both lived in the Petroleum neighborhood. Then later, as we both lived in Bluffton and attended the same church. She made me feel so welcome and her smiles and friendly wave every Sunday was so heart warming. She was a true friend and special lady. My prayers are with you all, and may God grant you comfort and peace. Glenna

Glenna Plummer - August 14, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ Vicki, Derek, Jesse, and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thelma J. Studabaker.



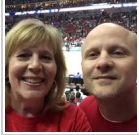
Vicki, Derek, Jesse, and family - August 13, 2025 at 01:42 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of Thelma. She was a great woman and will be missed. Hugs and prayers for Thelma's family 🙏



Teresa Moser - August 10, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *I have shared Thelma running the Blue Light special at Kmart more than a 1000 times in my career at WF. It may sound silly but it always got peoples attention just like the announcement in the store did. May you all allow fond memories and loving photos to comfort you during this time.*

Rusty Ramseyer - August 09, 2025 at 11:15 PM

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“ *Thelma was a beautiful person she would help anyone that needed it. We were neighbors for a very long time. Loved her!*

Ann Bussel - August 09, 2025 at 03:41 PM