



## Tillman G. Gerber

March 14, 1935 - October 23, 2022

Tillman G. Gerber, 87, of Bluffton passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Tillman was born on March 14, 1935 in Wells County to Elias and Rose (Schwartz) Gerber. He graduated from Lancaster Central High School in 1953. He furthered his education at Indiana University in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton and a member of the United Methodist Men. Tillman worked for National Oil and Gas for 54 years, retiring in 2014.

On October 20, 1956, Tillman and Betty Rose Hoopengardner were married at the Ossian United Methodist Church. Together, they celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Bluffton, two sons; Timothy (Janet) Gerber of Greentown and Benjamin (Lori) Gerber of Markle, eight grandchildren; Sara (Gerber) Ugren, Emily (Gerber) Sveson, Kristen (Gerber) Whitehead, Victoria (Gerber) Beitz, Jenai (Croft) Miller, Shaylee (Gerber) Harrison, Alexander (Autumn) Croft and Jacob (Brooke) Gerber, 11 great-grandchildren and his sister-in-law, Evelyn Gerber.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two infant sons, Mathew and Andrew, and his siblings; Wendell Gerber, Vernon Gerber, Robert Gerber, Audrey Paxson, Lucille (Steffen) Clark and Victor Gerber.

A service to celebrate Tillman's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, October 28, 2022 at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with Pastor

Sherrie Drake officiating. The family will be at the church after 9:30 A.M. on Friday. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 P.M. on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Tillman's memory to First United Methodist Church of Bluffton.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.  
Ossian, IN 46777  
(260) 622-6526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN

## Funeral Service

OCT 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
325 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tillman G. Gerber*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - October 27, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tillman G. Gerber.*



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October 27, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tillman G. Gerber.*



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October 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tillman G. Gerber.



October 27, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ Ray and Sarah Abbott purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Tillman G. Gerber.



Ray and Sarah Abbott - October 27, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ I had the privilege of being Till and Betty's pastor at Bluffton First. I always appreciated their support during those years. They played a large part in the church. My thoughts and prayers are with Betty and the family at this time Grace and Peace.

Pastor Cindy Osgood - October 27, 2022 at 03:16 AM



“ To Betty and the Gerber Family. I am so sorry to hear of Till's passing. Dane and I always enjoyed seeing your mom and dad in church on Sundays. Your dad always had a smile on his face an a good to say to everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are withe family. Remember you dad will watch over all of you.



Jennifer L Jesse - October 26, 2022 at 09:16 PM

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“ To Betty and family. I am sorry for your loss. I pray that God's peace and comfort be with you. Jim Dustman

Jim Dustman - October 26, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 26, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tillman G. Gerber.



October 25, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 25, 2022 at 03:16 PM