



## Vaughn H. Betts

March 9, 1941 - April 14, 2019

Vaughn H. Betts, 78, of Fort Wayne and a former Bluffton resident, passed away Sunday morning, April 14, 2019 at his home.

He was born on March 9, 1941 in Wells County, Indiana to Earl E. & Mable Devona (Hedges) Betts. Vaughn graduated from Petroleum High School in 1958. Vaughn started out working as an owner/operator truck driver and drove for the Teamsters Union for 35 years, retiring in 2003. After retiring at the age of 62, Vaughn earned his real-estate license and sold homes for Light House Realty in Fort Wayne.

On July 16, 1961 in Montpelier, Vaughn and Linda S. (Noble) Betts were married. They shared 57 years together, until she preceded him in death on September 20, 2018.

Vaughn is survived by his children; David Betts of Fort Wayne, Lisa (Daren) Penwell of Newaygo, MI and Robert (Mindy) Betts of Portland, along with 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is also survived by a brother, Jay (Nancy) Betts of Petroleum.

Vaughn is preceded in death by a son, Darrell J. Betts in 1983 and two sisters; Lena Knowles, Leela Betts and a brother Gene Betts.

A service to celebrate Vaughn's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Daren Penwell, Vaughn's son-in-law, will be officiating. Burial will follow at Rockford – Friends Cemetery in Rockford, Indiana. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made

to the American Lung Association.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Friends Cemetery

4261 W 100 North  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vaughn H. Betts*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - April 17, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ *Vaughn H. Betts*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Lisa, Darin, Brittney and Maddie, Mike and I are feeling for you in the loss of your dad and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Love and prayers...Vickie*

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**Vickie Reynen** - April 17, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Vaughn's passing. I worked with him at Kroger and at Holland. We made many trips to Peoria Illinois together and would talk on the radio the entire trip to pass time. He would often talk about his family.*

*My thoughts and prayers to his family.*

*Rest In Peace my friend.*

*Steve Dowden*

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**Steve Dowden** - April 16, 2019 at 07:48 PM

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“ I am so sorry to read of Vaughn’s death. I am a cousin (our mother’s were cousins) and I went to school with him at Petroleum- - just a few years behind him! I see Jay at the alumni every year. My sympathy to the family! 🙏🙏  
Barbara (Baker) Overdeer. Columbia City

Barbara Overdeer - April 16, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Vaughn H. Betts.



April 16, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - April 16, 2019 at 01:04 PM

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“ *David, Lisa, Rob and families,  
I was so sorry and shocked to get the call from  
Dave on Sunday that Vaughn had passed  
away. You are all in our thoughts and Prayers.  
Just think, Vaughn will be spending Linda's  
birthday next week with her and they are  
together again even though loved ones left on earth are saddened  
by the loss of both Linda and Vaughn and we will each miss them in  
our own way. Blessings to all of you and much love is sent to you.  
Love, Beryl (BJ) Gray and family*



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**BJ Gray** - April 16, 2019 at 11:59 AM