



## Vernon Lee Bynum

November 23, 1924 - February 26, 2022

Vernon L. Bynum, 97 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday morning, February 26, 2022, at his residence.

Vernon was born on November 23, 1924 in Bloomfield, Indiana to John G. & Elizabeth (Denny) Bynum. He graduated as the president of his senior class in 1942 from Lancaster High School and was the last surviving member of his graduating class. Vernon served his county in the Army Air Force during World War II. He farmed, was a self-employed excavator operator and had an earth moving business and worked as a rural mail carrier, retiring in 1990.

Vernon enjoyed reading and camping. He served as a scout master for both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for many years.

He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton and the American Legion Post #111 in Bluffton where he served as a past officer and post chaplain for many years.

Vernon and Betty (Neff) Bynum were married on August 23, 1953 at the First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include his wife Betty of Bluffton and 3 sons; Lee A. Bynum and Ned E. Bynum, both of Bluffton, Gary W. (Angie) Bynum of Craigville and a granddaughter, Jessica Bynum of Craigville.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gilbert "Gib" D. Bynum and a sister, Janice Ann Markley.

Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Les Cantrell officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery with military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Visitation will be held from 11 A.M. on Wednesday until 1 P.M., prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be made in Vernon's memory to Heartland Hospice.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vernon Lee Bynum*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 11, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Vernon Lee Bynum*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Aw, too many memories and fun times working with Vernon. Always had to be on my toes!! A special memory of Uniondale Post Office... I went outside to collect the mail from the collection box. Vernon locked the front door and was smiling a big ole smile when I was trying to get back in. I reached in my pocket, returned his big ole smile and pulled out my KEYS! He informed me that I was NO FUN AT ALL!! He was truly a delight to work with! God bless your family as you mourn the loss of Vernon!*



*Christine and Dan Hunt*

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**Christine and Dan Hunt** - March 15, 2022 at 08:19 PM

CH

“ Lee, I was sorry to read of your dad's passing. I have never forgotten that you came to the funeral home to pay respects to me and my siblings when our mom passed. That meant a lot to us. You and your family have my condolences. Cheryl Brickley Hunt

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**Cheryl (Brickley) Hunt** - March 11, 2022 at 10:19 AM

NM

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Nancy McFarren** - March 11, 2022 at 10:18 AM

GU

“ Our deepest condolences on your loss. Gary, Pam, and Ashley Ulmer

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**Gary Ulmer** - March 11, 2022 at 10:18 AM

TS

“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Bynum.  
  
Our deepest sympathy.

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**Tribute Store** - March 11, 2022 at 10:18 AM

TD

“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Bynum by Teresa & Warren , Tom & Janet, Tam & Dave, Tom & Lisa.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Teresa & Warren , Tom & Janet, Tam & Dav** - March 11, 2022 at 10:17 AM

JJ

“ *It was my privilege to enjoy several years of Monday morning breakfasts with Vern and he always made us smile with his unique humor and stories of his days in the military (factual or otherwise - who knows?) I know all of you will feel a large hole in your hearts and I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Jackie Johnson** - March 11, 2022 at 10:17 AM

EM

“ *Thinking of you and your family. I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**Emily Monticue** - March 11, 2022 at 10:17 AM