Mr. Vernon C. Melton

February 4, 1927 - August 9, 2012

Vernon C. Melton, 85, of Bluffton, passed away at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, August 9, 2012 in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Vernon was born in Leslie County, Kentucky on February 4, 1927 to Lawrence Joe Melton and Lillie (Colwell) Melton.

He married Audrey J. (Lovell) on October 31, 1946 in Bluffton, Indiana and she preceded him in death on March 18, 2000.

Vernon was a Foundry Molder by trade and worked for four years at the Red Cross Foundry and eleven years at the Pontiac Foundry. After leaving foundry work, he was self-employed in general construction until he retired.

He was a WW II U.S. Army veteran, a member of American Legion Post #111, and a former member of Prairie Methodist Church.

Vernon is survived by two sons, Larry Melton and Randy (Teresa) Melton both of Bluffton, three daughters, Sonja (William) Habig of Fort Myers, Florida, Linda (Lance) Dolby of Urbana, Indiana, Peggy (Jeff) Nash of Bluffton, one sister, Rancie Ellenberger of Bluffton and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, James Marvin Melton, Alvy Melton, and Joe Melton, two sisters, Loretta Stauffer and Edna Dellinger.

Calling hours are 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. A service celebrating Vernon’s life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Certified Funeral Celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post #111 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Preferred memorials are to Joanne's House At Hope Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com

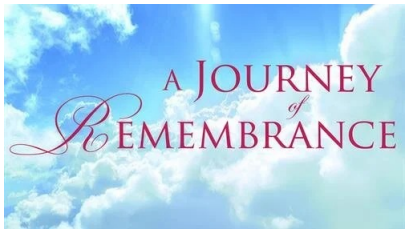
Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Vernon C. Melton



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R T lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon C. Melton

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Vernon did all the work needed when we opened the Bluffton Pharmacy in 1969. He built shelves, cabinets, work counters, and desks, he did the plumbing and electrical, and installed the doors and windows. He was a craftsman and handyman, and we will always be appreciative of him and his work. George and Nina Rittenhouse

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