



Walter L. McMillen

July 28, 1943 - October 16, 2023

Walter Lamar McMillen, 80 of Bluffton, passed away on Monday afternoon, October 16, 2023, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Walt was born on July 28, 1943 in Rochester, PA to James & Louise (Dunlap) McMillen. He attended Ivy Tech & Fort Wayne Community College in Fort Wayne. He worked at Eazor Express before working for Silberline Manufacturing, in Decatur, as an electrician for 26 years. Walt was long time member of Liberty Center Community Church. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and gardening. He could easily be found with this special sidekick, Murphy, his beloved dog. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his quick and witty comebacks.

On October 4, 1974, Walt and Virginia (Stroud) Booher were married. They recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia of Bluffton and their four daughters; LaiLani (Kirk) McCully of Coalport, PA., Kandice (Ray) Reber and Debby (Don) Rogers all of Liberty Center and Terri (Mike) Parsons of Bluffton, along with grandchildren; Heather (Justin) Anderson of Coalport, PA., Dustin (Brittany) Dotts, of Flinton, PA., Jessica (Nate) Behning, Drew (Nikki) Parsons and Erika (Colin Alberson) Parsons, all of Bluffton, Angie (Jason) Duncan of Bluffton, Amanda (Brett) Clark of Liberty Center, Caleb (Paige) Sleppy of Warren, Brittani (Ben) Langhammer of Indianapolis, Christi Reber and Cami (Pat) Williams all of Bluffton, Cory (Shelly) Reber of Indianapolis. He is also survived by 26 great-grandchildren, a sister Rita (Bill) Yingling of Flinton, PA.,

two brothers; Wilbert (Karen) McMillen of Irvona, PA. and Preston (Sandy) McMillen of Chambersburg, PA.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son-in-law Gary Sleppy, a grandson Ben Sleppy and a brother Robert McMillen.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM on Monday, October 23, 2023 at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Pastor Diane Samuels officiating. Burial will follow at Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center.

Visitation will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 12 P.M. to 5 P.M. and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials can be made to Liberty Center Community Church.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter L. McMillen*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 22, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Walter L. McMillen.*



October 21, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *148 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 21, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter L. McMillen.*



October 19, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts to all the family. Guff as we called him was a good friend and we had many good times together. Jill (Rupp) Peacock*

Jill - October 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Walter L. McMillen.*



October 18, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Walter L. McMillen.*



October 18, 2023 at 09:13 AM

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“ *Walter April Knight lit a candle in memory of
Walter McMillen*



Walter and April Knight - October 18, 2023 at 08:45 AM