



# William "Bill" C. Barkdull

June 1, 1947 - April 13, 2024

“Bill” William C. Barkdull, 76 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday afternoon, April 13, 2024, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born on June 1, 1947, in Marion, Indiana to P.P. Whitey Barkdull and Hazel (Purvis) Barkdull-Jones. He graduated from Jefferson Township High School with the class of 1965, and attended Taylor University, where he studied accounting. Bill honorably served his country in the United States Army from June of 1965 to June 1968, during the Vietnam Conflict as a helicopter mechanic. When he returned home, he started Barkdull Service – Standard Oil Service Station in Bluffton. He retired from a 33-year career in 2013 with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) where he started at the Bluffton branch, and then spent most of his time at the Fort Wayne INDOT as District Fleet Facilities & Environmental Manager.

Bill loved his corvettes and was a member of the Corvette Club. He always enjoyed trips to tour the Corvette Factory in Bowling Green, OH. He loved watching NASCAR races and everything automotive.

Bill and Rebecca A. Malone have shared the last 49 years together. Because of their combined love for Elvis, they got married on Elvis’ birthday, January 8th.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca “Bekkee” of Bluffton, a loving “Daddy – O” and father to his children; Randy Barkdull of DeFuniak Springs, FL., Chris Overmier-Barkdull of Lafayette and Faith (Trent) Wyatt of Palm Beach Gardens, FL., and grandpa to a grandson, Brady Thomas Mills-Overmier, along with his mother, Chrissy Mills, both of Lafayette. He also left behind his beloved cats Miss Molly and Max.

Bill is also survived by his siblings; Pete (Barb) Barkdull of Hartford City, Mike Barkdull of Ruskin, FL., Joe Barkdull of Anderson, and Jeff (Lora) Barkdull of Hartford City; three sisters, Vickie Towne, of Tampa, FL., Pennie (Melvin) Weatherly of Marion, and Jennie Gothrup of Noblesville, along with cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death

by his parents and a son, Richie Barkdull and brothers, Jack E.C. Barkdull and Allen Barkdull.

Visitation will be held from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Thursday, (April 18, 2024) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service.

Funeral Services will take place at 1 P.M. on Friday, (April 19, 2024) at the funeral home with Travis Bussel officiating. Entombment will take place at the Northridge Community Mausoleum, located at Fairview Cemetery, with military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation to benefit Parkinson's Research, St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the family.

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](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Northridge Community Mausoleum located in Fairview Cemetery

3101 East St. Rd. 124  
Bluffton, In

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
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<http://www.thomarich.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" C. Barkdull*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 18, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" C. Barkdull.*



April 17, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *154 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 17, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ *Todd and Karen Johnson purchased the Country Basket Bloom s for the family of William "Bill" C. Barkdull.*



Todd and Karen Johnson - April 16, 2024 at 09:20 PM

LA

“ So sorry for your loss. Bill was a really nice guy!!  
*Libda Aker*

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**Linda Aker** - April 16, 2024 at 06:38 PM

DG

“ Sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was such a nice guy to  
take too. Bill's family will be in our prayers. Dan Gerdom



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**Dan Gerdom** - April 14, 2024 at 07:51 AM