



## William "Bill" C. Bowman

December 3, 1950 - August 24, 2019

William C. "Bill" Bowman, 68 of Bluffton passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Ossian Health & Rehab. Center.

Bill was born on December 3, 1950 in Bluffton to James W. & Carolyn J. (Murray) Bowman. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1969. He furthered his education at Lincoln Technology Institute in Indianapolis and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Bill enjoyed many years with Boy Scouts of America, building race cars, fishing and traveling. Bill worked as a diesel mechanic at the State Highway Garage, Wells County Highway Department and Gerber's Garage, along with other garages. For many years, Bill enjoyed playing Santa Claus and handing out homemade candy. Bill is a member of the American Legion S.A.L. (Sons of the American Legion).

Bill and Mary A. (McDaniel) were married on April 1, 1972 in Bluffton.

Survivors include his wife Mary of Bluffton along with two sons; James L. (Jenna) Bowman of Bluffton and Jeromy E. (Erin) Bowman of Markle, and three grandchildren; Madison "Sunny" Bowman, Elliott Bowman and Lilly Bowman. Bill is also survived by his brother, Jeffrey L. (Sharon) Bowman of Bluffton and an uncle Gene E. (Carin) Murray of Fort Wayne along with many nieces and nephews.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Keith M. Bowman.

Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Thursday (August 29, 2019) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Sherrie Drake

officiating.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Wednesday and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in Bill's memory to Boy Scouts of America, First United Methodist Church or Heart to Heart Hospice in Fort Wayne.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 29. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 28, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ *William "Bill" C. Bowman*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Bill was a member of my Boy Scout troop and my Patrol leader. We shared many a night on scout camp outs and sat around many a campfire. The memory that sticks out the most is when I was tapped out in the Order of The Arrow ceremony. Bill was the guy that helped me throughout the week at Big Island scout camp. I will always keep his memory alive when I think of the times we share in scouting.*



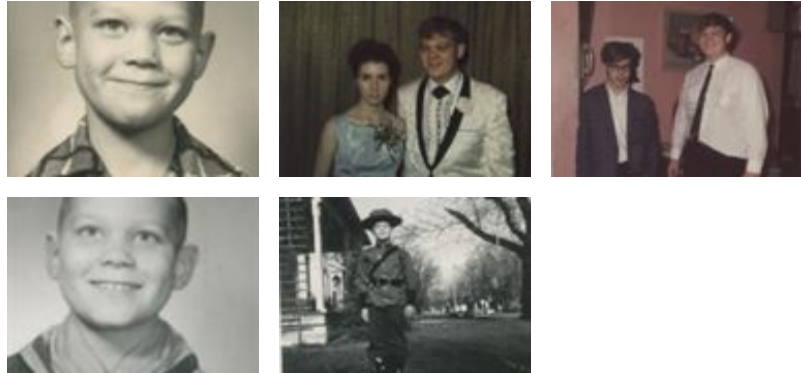
*Doug Myers*

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**Doug Myers** - August 28, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 28, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Pam Manning lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Bowman



Pam Manning - August 28, 2019 at 03:11 AM



“ the two of you always added to our scout outings. I will miss Bill.



Dale & Vicky Best - August 27, 2019 at 10:37 PM



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 27, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" C. Bowman.



August 27, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ *he was such a kind and loving man. I'm so sorry for your loss but im sure he still smiling and rejoycing in heaven. Prayers for his wife and family*

sherri zook - August 26, 2019 at 09:52 PM

DI

“ *Diana lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Bowman*



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**Diana** - August 26, 2019 at 09:32 PM

RM

“ *Rose Marshall lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Bowman*



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**Rose Marshall** - August 26, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss he was a great friend to our family but now he is not hurting any more we send our condolences The Zebelle Family*

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**Susanna Zebelle-Haire** - August 26, 2019 at 06:15 PM

SP

“ *Stacy Patton lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Bowman*



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**Stacy Patton** - August 26, 2019 at 05:50 PM

SS

“ *bill - you had the greatest giggle of all time and i remember it well. our times at the lake.....there is no one left to know about them now. but what fun we had. growing up, your back yard was a mecca for us.*

*i know that you didn't feel well for a great part of your adult life, but you gave it your all. so glad to hear that you got to your high school reunion.*

*my best to your family at this difficult time. be at peace. susan stuart*

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**susan stuart** - August 26, 2019 at 04:55 PM

MP

“ *So sorry for your loss. We so happy Bill was able to make it to the 1969 "50th" Class Reunion in June. He seemed to have a good time. Thoughts and prayers to the family. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you the strength, peace and comfort you need.*

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**Martha Poling** - August 26, 2019 at 03:11 PM

JC

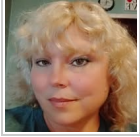
“ *Dave and I send our condolences to Mary and your family. We so enjoyed seeing Bill at the BHS reunion in June.*

*Blessings,*

*Judy Cline*

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**Judy Ellenberger Cline** - August 26, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ *Jai Billman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Bowman*



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**Jai Billman** - August 26, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Sorry to learn of Bill's passing. We always a good times at scouting events. When ever we would run into to each other in town he was never to busy to stop and talk for awhile. Bill's family will be in our prayers.*



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**Dan Gerdom** - August 25, 2019 at 10:19 PM