



William "Bill" K. Gentis

April 9, 2021 - April 21, 2021

William "Bill" K. Gentis, 84 of Bluffton, passed away on Wednesday morning, April 21, 2021, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Bill was born on April 9, 1937 in Wells County, Indiana to Dan D. & Olive (Carnes) Gentis. He was a 1955 graduate of Petroleum High School. He held the Wells County record for pole vaulting from 1955 to 1986.

Bill worked at Kresge's Distribution, James S. Jackson Construction and operated Bluffton Tire, Goodyear Stores for 63 years. He was a real estate agent for Century 21 and BKM Real Estate.

Bill served on the Wells County Library Board, Bi-County Services Board and the Adams/Wells Realtor Board. He was a member of the Elks Lodge # 796, Bluffton F. & A. M. Masonic Lodge #145 and the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine. He was a member of the First Church of Christ and a former member of the Domestic Church of Christ. Bill enjoyed playing golf, fishing and most of all, playing cards!

On March 30, 1956 in Bluffton, Bill and Sharon (Gregg) Gentis were married. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Survivors include his wife Sharon and children; Kurt (Susie) Gentis, Sheila (David) Herdman, Kelly (Robin) Gentis, Kerry (Michelle) Gentis, along with his sons-in-law; Dan Dunwiddie and Joe Collins, all of Bluffton.

Bill was a loving grandpa to 17 grandchildren; Dan Gentis, Kristy Rinn, Celeste Paquette, Kristen Adam, Ryan Dunwiddie, April Schisler, Mia Gyde, Kit Gentis, Tia Osborn, Lia Warren, Alan Elliott, Andrea Balkcom, Abby

Holloway, Maria Bates, Emilee Armstrong and Austin Gentis, along with 33 great-grandchildren and a brother, Rex (Martha) Gentis of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, Ann Dunwiddie & Melissa Collins, a granddaughter, Jaime Gentis and a great-granddaughter, Grace Rinn and 7 siblings; Dick Gentis, Joyce Byrd, Dave Gentis, Jim Gentis, Jack Gentis, Arlene Dohrman and Carol Gentis.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastors Brandon Kelley & Mike Jefferson officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Friends will be able to live stream the service using Zoom Meeting in the comfort of your home. The Zoom Meeting ID # is 864 8193 1046. You can login to the live stream after 10:15 A.M. on Saturday.

Calling Hours will be held from 2 P.M. - 8 P.M. on Friday, April 23, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

A Masonic Memorial Service will take place at 8 P.M. on Friday at the conclusion of calling by the Bluffton F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge # 145.

Memorials may be made in Bill's memory to Shriners Children's Hospital.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are at your own discretion. During the current guidelines, we are only allowed a limited number of people in the building at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

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

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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ZOOM LINK TO WATCH THE FUNERAL SERVICE

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Funeral Service

APR 24. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 23, 2021 at 03:57 PM

BS

*I'm so sorry for your loss. You're all in my prayers. Your family, as well as all of Wells County, has lost a wonderful man. He was truly a pillar of the community, and was so very well respected. He will be missed. Sending much love and many prayers,
Greg & Bonnie Simmons*

Bonnie Simmons - April 24, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *William "Bill" K. Gentis*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DR

“ *Kurt, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I send my sincere condolences to you and all your family.*

Dave Reynolds - April 26, 2021 at 04:21 PM

SJ

“ Sympathy to the whole Gentis family at this time of loss. Know that God is watching over Bill and all of you during this difficult time. He will be waiting for you in Heaven.

Sara Johnson - April 24, 2021 at 10:27 AM

MV

“ We all lose a loved ones and dear friends, but we keep them in our hearts and cherish their memories. Bill will be dearly missed, Our friendship we had together will be cherished and never forgotten. I have been blessed to have had the time we spent together at the lake with each other and the wisdom Bill shared, and the memories he talked with me about will always stay with me.
Rest in peace my friend you will be dearly missed.
Your friend,
Mike



Mike Volpentesta - April 24, 2021 at 09:25 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Bills passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Rosalee Hockenberry - April 23, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" K. Gentis.



April 23, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" K. Gentis.



April 22, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" K. Gentis



Nancy - April 22, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William "Bill" K. Gentis.



April 22, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ Kurt, Kelly and Kerry and families. May you find comfort and peace as you celebrate your Dad's life and sharing many wonderful memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Makaye and Howard Vaughn Jr.

Makaye and Howard Vaughn Jr - April 22, 2021 at 07:02 PM



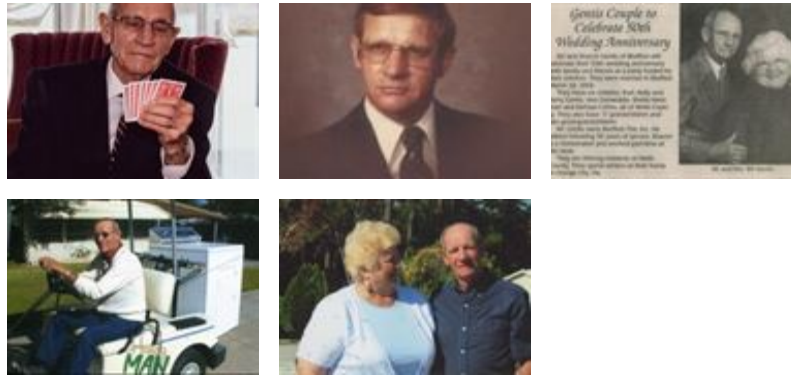
“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" K. Gentis.



April 22, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ 155 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 22, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Bill was a very special cousin. he brought many good laughs to my life. Especially when he sang songs while we were riding on the tomato planter also his special whistle through his front teeth! We loved his stories. Our prayers go to your family and Sharon, keep faithful to God and each other. Bill and Sharon always made us feel welcome on our visits to Indiana. May Bill's legacy be with each of you. Carolyn and Keith Wehner https://www.thomarich.com/store/?icn=desktop_tribute_wall_tab_top_link

Carolyn Wehner - April 22, 2021 at 01:06 PM

TF

“ Tiffany & Heather (& the entire Roush family) purchased the With Distinction for the family of William "Bill" K. Gentis.



Tiffany & Heather (& the entire Roush family) - April 22, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" K. Gentis.



April 22, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BO

“ Sharon and family, I am so sorry to read of Bill's death. He was a wonderful guy and I was glad to call him friend! Cherish your many, many memories♥♥♥ Blessings to all of you! Bobbie (Baker)Overdeer

Barb Overdeer - April 22, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" K. Gentis.



April 22, 2021 at 09:58 AM

TS

“ Sorry to hear of your loss keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Teresa and Mickey Smethers - April 22, 2021 at 09:56 AM

AS

“ So sorry for your loss Sharon. Will keep u in my prayers that god will be with you during this time. Bob an Arlene smith

arlene smith - April 21, 2021 at 09:46 PM

KJ

“ I was very saddened by the passing of Bill, my heart goes out to all of you. Sharon, I am so so sorry. Prayers



Kurt & Lisa Jack - April 21, 2021 at 08:07 PM

SP

“ So very sorry for your families loss deepest sympathy. Prayers

Susan Pinkerton - April 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM

DG

“ So sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He fought a long hard battle. Bill always had a smile and was willing to help anybody in their time of need. He was a hard worker and when I would stop and talk with him he was never bashful about telling you what was on his mind. He will truly be missed. The Gentis family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - April 21, 2021 at 05:37 PM

NH

*Sharon,
Sincere condolences to you & your family at this time. May the love
and memories of Bill comfort you at this time. What a legacy for your
family. Sending you love and prayers. Nancy Reusser Halstead*

nancy resser halstead - April 22, 2021 at 09:48 AM

SM

*Sharon, Nolan and I send our sincere sympathy to you and your family.
May God's peace fill your hearts.*

Suzanne and Nolan Markley - April 22, 2021 at 03:44 PM