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Richard P. Kauffman, 63, of Bluffton, passed away at 10:16 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Richard was born July 28, 1951, in Bluffton to Verlin D. and Julia E. Zink Kauffman. On Oct. 17, 1981, Richard married Laurel A. Haley in New Haven.

Richard graduated from Bluffton High School in 1969. He worked with his family for 20 years in their construction company, Kauffman & Sons Construction. He then worked for Peyton's Northern. He was a member of S.A.L. and the American Legion 111. He attended St. John's Family Worship Center in Vera Cruz. Richard enjoyed bowling, as well as Nascar and bass fishing. He was an IU Basketball and Indianapolis Colts Fan.

Richard is survived by his wife, Laurel Kauffman of Bluffton, a daughter, Danielle (Jason) Rekeweg, and his grandson, Matthew P. Rekeweg, all of Markle; along with a brother, Greg (Deb) Kauffman of Bluffton.

A memorial service to celebrate Richard's life will be held at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8. Rev. Don Rentschler will officiate. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. prior to the service.

Preferred memorials are to Family LifeCare of Berne or the donor's choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends may leave online condolences at www.thomarich.com.

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