

## Obituary for Steven J. Witmer

Steven J. Witmer, 70, of Decatur, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at 4:22 PM Wednesday March 30, 2016 at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton. He was born on April 21, 1945 in Auburn to Winston J. and Marcia (Gilford) Witmer.



Steven graduated from Paulding High School and then served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam onboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. Steven graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and served on the Geneva Police Department for 20 years. He had also worked for several local area restaurants including the Halls restaurants in Fort Wayne. Steven enjoyed cooking and watching basketball as well as rooting for the Chicago Cubs.

Steven is survived by his Son-Doug (Julie) Rich of Linn Grove, Son-Shane (Tina) Rich of Bluffton, Daughter-Angela (Charles) Pempsell of Bluffton, Son-Scott Witmer of Decatur, Sister Karen (Terry) Vance of Creston, OH, Several Nieces and Nephews and 9 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren. Steven was preceded in death by his wife Carol J. (Mosser) Witmer.

A visitation will be held at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home 308 W. Washington St. Bluffton on Monday April 4, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. A service will be held at 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Dauterman officiating. Burial will follow at the West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva. Military Honors will be conducted by the U.S. Navy. Memorials may be made in memory of Steven to the ALS Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich Lemler Funeral Home. Friends may make condolences at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

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