



## Robert E. Sowder

July 13, 1939 - June 1, 2014

Robert (Bob) Eugene Sowder of Ellettsville passed away at IU Health Bloomington Hospital on Sunday, June 1, 2014.

He was born on July 13, 1939, to Orville and Pearl (Arthur) Sowder in Lawrence County, IN. He married Darlyne (Gerst) Sowder on March 26, 1965.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Darlyne; sons, Richard (Rick) Sowder of Tucker, GA, and David Sowder (wife, Chris) of Pekin, IN; grandchildren, Olivia, Ava, and Vance Sowder of Pekin, and Dustin Sink of Ellettsville; sisters, Oweedah (Sis) Butcher and Sue Judah of Bedford, IN, and Thelma Prince of Bloomington; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Wayne and Lloyd Sowders; and infants, Sherri and Bryan Sowder.

Bob graduated from Needmore (IN) High School in 1958. He retired from General Electric in 1997 after 30 years of dedicated service. He loyally volunteered in the Ellettsville Police Reserves for 20 years, retiring in 2011. He and his wife have owned Sowder Distributing Co., Inc., in Ellettsville since 1978. He is a member of Ellettsville Christian Church.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville, and at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Ellettsville

Christian Church. Funeral services will be on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 11 a.m. at the Ellettsville Christian Church with Jim Frasure officiating. A luncheon will immediately follow the church service. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Hilltop Penecostal Cemetery in Avoca, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Chandler Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Hilltop Pentecost Cemetery

2414 Avoca Eureka Rd.  
Bedford, IN 47421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel  
203 E. Temperance Street  
Ellettsville, IN 47429  
(812) 876-6075  
chandlerfh@bluemarble.net  
<https://www.chandlerfh.com>

## Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ellettsville Christian Church  
731 Independence Street  
Ellettsville, IN 47429  
<http://www.ellettsvillecc.com>

## Burial

JUN 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hilltop Pentecost Cemetery  
2414 Avoca Eureka Rd.  
Bedford, IN 47421

# Tribute Wall



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sowder.*



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June 05, 2014 at 12:35 AM



“ *Needmore Alumni Association*



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**Needmore Alumni Association** - June 04, 2014 at 02:22 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sowder.*



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June 03, 2014 at 04:58 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sowder.*



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June 03, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert E. Sowder.



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June 03, 2014 at 08:45 AM