



Mr. Edward D. Risser

March 13, 1928 - August 24, 2014

Edward D. Risser, 86 of Bluffton passed away at 2:05 p.m. Sunday, August 24, 2014, at Christian Care Retirement Center in Bluffton.

Mr. Risser was born on March 13, 1928 in Wells County to Clarence & Lela (Hollon) Risser. A lifelong Wells County resident, he graduated from Petroleum High School in 1946. As a senior, Ed was a member of the only team at Petroleum High School to win the sectionals in basketball. He served his country in the United States Army as a Medic stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict from 1950-1952, and was discharged as a Sgt. E-5. He worked as a scheduler and as a Cost Analyst at Franklin Electric for 37 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the quarter century club at Franklin Electric.

Ed adored his wife, children and grandchildren. He will be remembered as an avid Chicago Cubs Fan, expert gardener and enjoyed travelling and doing woodworking, especially refinishing old furniture.

On October 11, 1953 in Pennville, Ed married Marlene Ireland. They have shared almost 61 years together. Marlene survives in Bluffton along with children; Mark (Deborah) Risser of Seymour, IN, Jane (Scott) Gasser of Muncie and three grandchildren; Jeff (Natalie) Gasser of Noblesville, IN, Joe

Gasser of Carmel, IN and Magdalena "Maggie" Risser of Seymour, IN. He is also survived by a sister Velmarose (Herman) McCormick of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by a sister Wilma Jean Gilbert and two brothers William Paul Risser and Kent Leon Risser.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 on Friday, August 29, 2014, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Pastor Steve Bard and Ted Ellis will officiate. Calling Hours will be held from 3 to 8 on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton where military honors will be performed by the United States Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send condolences to the Risser family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 3:00 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)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Edward D. Risser*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 29, 2014 at 07:53 AM



“ *Mr. Edward D. Risser*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Marlene and family, Sending our sympathy to you. Ed was a good guy and a special friend to my dad (Dwight Wilson) all those years at Franklin and after. (Dad retired in 1985.) He was also very nice to me when I worked at FE 1978-1980. Wishing you comfort and strength in the days ahead. God bless. Valerie, Doris Ann and Stan Wilson*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - August 29, 2014 at 01:40 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward D. Risser.*



August 28, 2014 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ Jim, Callie & Cody Breeding purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Edward D. Risser.



Jim, Callie & Cody Breeding - August 27, 2014 at 04:29 PM

AS

“ Ed brought many smiles and warmth to our life. We will never forget him. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss, our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.
Allan & Jovana Scott

allan scott - August 27, 2014 at 02:44 PM

BW

“ I would like to extend condolences to the Risser Family over the passing of Mr. Risser. A memory forever etched is being part of a trip to Chicago and Wrigley Field in the 70's, riding down Lake Shore Drive in Mr. Risser's car and seeing Billy Williams wave (respond) to our waving as he drove by, and attending this particular Pittsburgh Pirates - Chicago Cubs game when the immortal Roberto Clemente played. Mr. Risser was diligent with his stats and analysis - a true Chicago Cub fan. May God Bless you with this good memory, and many other memories.



Brian Wetters - August 26, 2014 at 09:54 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward D. Risser.*



August 26, 2014 at 02:49 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward D. Risser.*



August 26, 2014 at 10:08 AM



“ *I have such fond memories of my times spent as a teenager in Bluffton in the summertime with my Uncle Ed, Aunt Marlene and cousins Mark and Janie. Sitting on the porch swing and hanging out with the whole family, watching the fireflies, which we didn't have at that time in Michigan. Uncle Ed would always offer me his car to drive when Janie was working. He was a sweet and generous man!*

Rest in Peace Uncle Ed, you will be missed by many.

Jill McMaken Lewis

Jill M Lewis - August 26, 2014 at 05:38 AM



Jill that was so sweet of you to write this! Thank you!

Jane Gasser - September 05, 2014 at 01:25 PM

DC

“ Dave And Judy (Ellenberger) Cline lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward D. Risser



Dave and Judy (Ellenberger) Cline - August 25, 2014 at 08:33 PM

BF

“ Bill & Sandy Fair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward D. Risser



Bill & Sandy Fair - August 25, 2014 at 10:40 AM

RR

“ Rhonda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward D. Risser



Rhonda Ryan - August 25, 2014 at 08:37 AM

RR

Marlene and Family,
I am so sorry and sadden to hear about Ed, what a kind and caring man. I am keeping you in my prayers as you go thru these next sad days. I am always here for you.
Rhonda

Rhonda Ryan - August 25, 2014 at 08:41 AM

JE

“ *Marlene, I am so sorry for your loss. Ed was a wonderful man and you two made a great couple. I am glad to have gotten to spend time with you both out at Christian Care.*



John Emshwiller

John Emshwiller - August 25, 2014 at 07:56 AM

TW

Mark, Debbie & Maggie - - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad and Grandfather. You are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Tracy Westfall - August 26, 2014 at 09:05 AM

MR

*Marlene & Family
I am thinking of you and send my sympathy in the loss of Ed. I will always remember the the talks we used to share when we were neighbors.
Mildred I. Risser*

Mildred I. Risser - August 26, 2014 at 08:05 PM

JR

*Marlene and family,
I am so very sorry to learn of Ed's passing. I am out of town but know you are in my prayers. Jo Ann Record*

Jo Ann Record - August 28, 2014 at 02:20 PM