



Finley Herman Lane

October 19, 1935 - September 12, 2015

Finley Herman Lane 79 of Poneto passed away at 8:24 p.m. Saturday, September 12, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Finley was born on October 19, 1935 in Poneto to Donald & Helen B. (Brunegraff) Lane. He graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1953. He worked for Trailways in Fort Wayne for many years. He started out working with his father in theater promotions, and continued over the last 50 years. He worked at many race tracks and racing organizations over the Midwest since 1959. He was proud to be inducted in the Little 500 Hall of Fame.

He served as a member of the Poneto Town Board, a lifetime member of the Poneto Volunteer Fire Department along with being a longtime member of the Wells County Area Plan Commission. He was a lifelong member of the Poneto United Methodist Church.

On February 10, 1957 in Daleville, Finley & Celia Belle (Pederson) Lane were married. She preceded him in death on February 26, 2000. He enjoyed the companionship of Linda Schneider who passed in 2014.

Survivors include his son Randy J. (wife Robin) Lane of Poneto and a granddaughter Rebecca Lane of Poneto along with a very close friend, Nicole Lykins also of Poneto.

He is preceded in death by his parents along with a step mother Daisy Lane. A Service to celebrate Finley's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday (September 17, 2015) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 12 noon on Wednesday to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will take place at Grove Cemetery in Poneto. Memorials may be made in Finley's memory to the Poneto Volunteer Fire Department. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share memories and online condolences at www.thomari.ch.com.

Cemetery Details

Grove Cemetery

5136 South 100 East
Bluffton, IN 46714

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 16. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

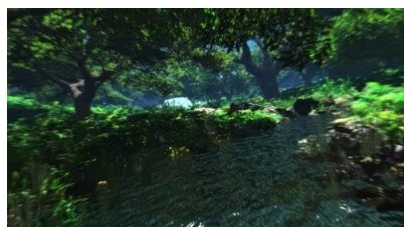
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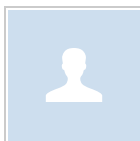
Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Finley Herman Lane*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 16, 2015 at 09:45 AM



“ *Finley Herman Lane*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Finley Lane. What a nice man. We will all miss his smiling face at Anderson & Winchester. He loved people. Rose Calabrese*

Rose Calabrese - October 04, 2015 at 07:07 AM



“ *So sorry to read of Finley passing away. His annual peanut butter fudge will surely be missed by the folks at Lutheran Hospital at Christmas. He shared that recipe with me a few years ago, and would usually call to see if I had made any at Christmas. He was a busy person. Marion & BJ Gray*



Marion & BJ Gray - September 21, 2015 at 12:59 PM

TD

“ Randy,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many good, fun memories and your father as our families were neighbors for many years. Toni Norris Davison

Toni Davison - September 18, 2015 at 09:09 AM

SM

“ Thinking of you Randy and family. Mrs Sally Mittlestedt

Sally Mittlestedt - September 17, 2015 at 06:23 PM

JD

“ We are the former owners of the Huntington Drive-In Theatre. Shortly after we purchased the D.I. in 2001 Finley stopped by and offered to loan us several old cartoons to play for our pre-show or intermission. For someone who we didn't know and he didn't know us to do that really meant a lot. He stopped by several times over the years to visit and see how things were going. Truly a thoughtful person.
John & Nellie Detzler

John Detzler - September 17, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Finley Herman Lane.



September 15, 2015 at 06:37 PM

RF

“ *Finley was a good man. He sure knew his racing. He loved our grandkids from newborn till the day he died he held them every Saturday always brought fruit or candy to the track for them. He always had hugs for them. Finley you will be missed by everyone. Pit gates won't be the same. RIP*

Russell, Beth Winegar, Missy & family - September 15, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ *Finley was a good guy--dependable, hard-working and a good friend. I know he will be missed by family and friends.--Ned R. Carnall*

Ned R. Carnall, Class of 1953 - September 15, 2015 at 10:12 AM

JC

“ *Jim & Joyce Boyd and Van Wert Cinemas purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Finley Herman Lane.*



Jim & Joyce Boyd and Van Wert Cinemas - September 14, 2015 at 11:34 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 14, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Finley Herman Lane.



September 14, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ Sorry to hear Finley passed. I enjoyed listening to his stories. He was an icon in Poneto. Rev. Mike Smith

Rev. Mike Smith - September 14, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ Deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Finley. Always enjoyed my time with him. Have such good memories. Steve Brock



Steve Brock - September 13, 2015 at 09:07 PM

CB

“ sorry to hear about Finley, gonna really miss him at Winchester.
Used to take him a breakfast sandwich once in a while.

connie-billy boyer - September 13, 2015 at 07:54 PM