



Forrest E. "Frosty" DeBolt

July 10, 1923 - April 24, 2008

Forrest E. "Frosty" DeBolt, 84, of Bluffton, died at 8:18 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Adams County on July 10, 1923 to Chancey and Estella (Tinkham) DeBolt, he married Freida M. Lydy in Fort Wayne on Oct. 12, 1946; she survives.

Mr. DeBolt attended Mommouth High School and furthered his education with courses at I.U.P.U. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, attached to the 483rd bomber group, and was a member of American Legion Post #111. He was a supervisor at Franklin Electric for 35 years, retiring in 1981. He was also a member of the Eastern Woodland Carvers Club and Calvary Lutheran Church.

Other surviving relatives include two daughters, Pennie (Bryan) Jones of Troy, Kans., and Debra Smith of Bluffton; three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. DeBolt was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Paul DeBolt, and two sisters, Florence Bowman and Grace Swoveland.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney &

Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Gene Kinney officiating. Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial is at Fairview Cemetery, in Bluffton, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post #111 and the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Forrest E. "Frosty" DeBolt*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Forrest E. "Frosty" DeBolt*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To Pennie and Family - I know how much you are hurting right now. Time will help ease your pain. Take joy in the wonderful life your father lived and know that you will see him again in Eternity. God be with you. Love, Susan##imported-begin##Susan D. Schafer##imported-end##*

May 05, 2008 at 04:13 PM



“ *The video was lovely, Sorry we were not there for you but we didn't know til it was over. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless all of you. Love Mark, Shirley, and Haley##imported-begin##Mark, Shirley, and Haley Duncan##imported-end##*

May 03, 2008 at 04:49 PM



“ Uncle Frosty was one of the greatest Uncles that I have known, and from far away I will miss him dearly.
I will help carry the burden of sorrow the family is feeling hoping that this will make it easier for them.
With love to all.##imported-begin##Robert Gene Lydy##imported-end##

May 03, 2008 at 08:29 AM



“ Pennie, I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I am praying for you and your family. I miss you, my friend.##imported-begin##Kristi Bennett##imported-end##

May 03, 2008 at 08:26 AM



“ Hi Frieda, sorry to here of Forrest's passing. Wish I could have been there to say goodbye, but the miles keep us apart.Please give my love to all and god bless.##imported-begin##Gina Bean##imported-end##

May 02, 2008 at 12:22 PM



“ Debi, thinking of you and your family at this trying time and may you faith in God help to know that he is resting in peace.
Kate##imported-begin##Kate Stinson##imported-end##

May 02, 2008 at 07:19 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, he is in a better place now.##imported-begin##Cindy Beeks##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 09:19 PM



“ Deb,
Thank you for sending this to me. I worked for your Dad and always liked him. Especially after he took some flack for me right after the strike.He told me he took quite a #% chewing for me, and I was glad to work for him.I know this is a really hard time for you & the family.....take care.*
Marty###imported-begin##Marty Ault###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 08:34 PM



“ *Although our paths haven't crossed for quite a number of years,we do recall the good times of the distant past. Our love to Frieda and family at this sad time.###imported-begin##Ellis and Myrna Augsburg###imported-end##*

May 01, 2008 at 06:30 PM



“ *To the family*

We worked for Franklin Electric for 42 yrs. Of all the foremen I have ever worked for, he was the best. As long as you did the job that you were there to do he was always fair to you. He knew how to use people to the best of their abilities. There has never been a foreman since Debolt who has got the productivity out of people at a higher level than even they knew they could do. He is one of the people who I think can honestly say that they help build the FE company to be the strong company that they are today. I believe that if we had the kind of leadership that he gave to FE today, we would still be Franklin Electric of Bluffton. I have great respect for him as a supervisor and fellow FE employee.

May God be with you and your family.

Jerry & Louise Young###imported-begin##Jerry & Louise Young###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 10:06 AM



“ *Having provided daycare for Stacy's children in Portland, Michigan, we had the wonderful opportunity to visit with Papa Forrest, Grandma Freida, and other family members several times. What a blessing he was to his family and a wonderful namesake for Stacy's son, Forrest.*

We were sorry to hear of his passing, but obviously God had something that needed him more! He will be greatly missed by many, but his legacy is limitless.

Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and since we can't be there in person our "hugs" are coming via email. Blessings on all of you.###imported-begin##Richard and Charlene Hans###imported-end##

April 28, 2008 at 01:43 PM



“ Freida and all of the Debolt family.. Very sorry to hear about the passing of Forrest. I am very grateful I was able to know and take care of him at dialysis. He was a very special patient of mine and will be missed a great deal. Our prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Gina Anderson##imported-end##

April 27, 2008 at 04:00 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayer are with you guys at this time of loss....He will truly be missed here at the unit....##imported-begin##The Girls at the Dialysis Center.##imported-end##

April 26, 2008 at 12:23 PM



“ We Were So Sorry To Hear Of Forrest Passing. God Bless You All. And My Father William Bollenbacher Sends His Sympthy##imported-begin##Gloria & Kent Schindler##imported-end##

April 25, 2008 at 09:42 PM