



## Forrest J. McCartney

May 31, 1922 - July 30, 2009

Forrest J. McCartney, 87, Bluffton, died at 12:19 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Allen County on May 31, 1922 to Albert J. and Marjorie (Powers) McCartney, he was married to Anna Belle Eckelbarger on August 15, 1952 by the Rev. Vance Davison at the Nazarene Church in Bluffton; she survives.

Forrest graduated from East Union Center High School in 1940 and served in the Air Force during World War II. He furthered his education at Marion College and then taught for four years at Kingsford Heights Elementary School and for five years at Ossian Elementary School. He retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne as a supervisor. He was a member of Sonlight Wesleyan Church and Gideon's International and was very active in the Gideon's Jail Ministry.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five children, Bill (Joye) Gardenour of Bluffton, Jon McCartney of Fort Wayne, Randy (Bev) McCartney, Ken (Karla) McCartney and Lane McCartney, all of Bluffton; two brothers, Eugene (Lillian) McCartney of Zanesville and Harold (Jody) McCartney of Cookeville, Tenn.; 15 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, Rick Gardenour and a sister, Evelyn Smith.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Sonlight Wesleyan Church with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Calling hours are Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the services Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Gideon's International or to the church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Service

AUG 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sonlight Wesleyan Church  
2350 S State Road 1  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Forrest J. McCartney*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Forrest J. McCartney*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *What a beautiful example of the love of Christ. My adopted Dad is where he belongs now. Heaven is rejoicing at his coming home and the angels are singing for his arrival. Even though there were times I seemed distant, my heart was always with him and Anna Belle, my 'Mom'. Love to all my 'brothers' whose hearts are filled with sorrow, yet happy for where he is. One day soon we will be together again!###imported-begin##Avis Hiller###imported-end##*

September 13, 2009 at 01:21 AM



“ *I've known Forest for a good many years. Went to school with his sons. He will be missed by many. He has always been a man of value and someone you could look up too. God will have a good man beside him.###imported-begin##Jeff Eltzroth###imported-end##*

August 11, 2009 at 09:26 AM



“ *Ken,  
Sorry to here about your dad. You have deepest my sympathy and prayers.  
Lord Bless and Love  
Mike Neuenschwander###imported-begin##Mike Neuenschwander###imported-end##*

August 03, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ Anna Belle,  
I am so sorry for your loss of Forrest. You will be in our prayers.  
Marilyn & Byron Powell##imported-begin##Marilyn Taylor Powell##imported-end##

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August 03, 2009 at 10:03 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the McCartney family . Our thoughts & prayers are with you . Robin & Denette Holmes##imported-begin##Robin & Denette Holmes##imported-end##

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August 02, 2009 at 07:58 PM



“ We were saddened to read of the homegoing of our friend, Forrest, but what a happy day for him to finally be in the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ.He was a great inspiration to us and we became very interested in the work of the Gideons because of him.

Our sympathy is extended to Annabelle and the family and we will be praying for you as you bid goodbye to Forrest.

So sorry we cannot be there with you.##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Haiflich##imported-end##

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July 31, 2009 at 05:06 PM



“ Forrest was a good man with a good heart. He was an example of what living in relationship with the Father should look like. Our joy as he enters into his reward, and our sorrow for the family and friends that will miss him.##imported-begin##David & Kathy Foreman##imported-end##

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July 31, 2009 at 09:32 AM



“ Hello Randy,  
I wanted to express my sympathy on the loss of your dad. He was a very kind man when we were all growing up. I have not seen you since graduation but I drove through the old neighborhood just the other day and reminisced on growing up in Bluffton in a wonderful time and era that will never be repeated. May God comfort you and your family during this sad time and may your memories sustain you in the days to come.##imported-begin##Kathy McFarren Bauman##imported-end##

July 31, 2009 at 08:22 AM



“ Please accept my condolences for Forrest's passing. I think back of the times I've seen Forrest in church. It seems he was always there. He was a great example of what I think the Lord would have wanted a great man to be like. He will be missed by all who knew him. Take comfort in knowing he is with the Lord and celebrating his homecoming.##imported-begin##Janet Rogers##imported-end##

July 30, 2009 at 08:43 PM



“ Heaven is rejoicing because another great servant of God has arrived. Uncle Forrest, I will miss your smile and happy spirit. I send all of my love to the family and am praying God gives you strength through all of the days to come.##imported-begin##Rebecca Foreman##imported-end##

July 30, 2009 at 06:36 PM



“ My sincere condolences to your entire family.##imported-begin##Brandy Gibson##imported-end##

July 30, 2009 at 05:02 PM



“ I would like to offer my condolences to the McCartney family. Forrest was a great teacher and good friend in my youth. Now he is where he longed to be. Sincerely yours  
Ben Barton##imported-begin##Ben Barton##imported-end##

July 30, 2009 at 04:54 PM



“ we will miss the emails from Forrest,telling us of the news from  
Indiana##imported-begin##jerald&susan hagan##imported-end##

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July 30, 2009 at 03:46 PM