



Mr Fred Wenger Jr.

September 6, 1923 - September 26, 2012

Fred Wenger, Jr. "Freddie" 89 of Bluffton passed away on Wednesday afternoon, September 26, 2012, at his Bluffton residence.

Fred was born on September 6, 1923 in Adams County to Frederic & Sarah Edna (Micheal) Wenger. A lifelong resident of Wells County, he attended Bluffton High School. In April of 1943 he enlisted with the United States Navy, after the invasion on Normandy he was transferred to the First Marine Division where he served for 2 years until June of 1946. He was discharged as a Pharmacist's Mate First Class.

On May 24, 1949 in Vera Cruz, Fred married Edna L. (Walter) Wenger. They shared the last 63 years.

Fred was a hard worker who always had a project going. He enjoyed spending time on his farm, in his garden and walking his beloved dog "Pounder". He retired as a carpenter at Cline Lumber Company in 1985 after 35 years. Even after retirement, he enjoyed working in his "Shop" designing and constructing furniture for family and friends. He also attended St. John's United Church of Christ in Vera Cruz.

He is survived by his wife Edna of Bluffton along with children; Susan Wenger (husband Dennis Shipley) of Fort Wayne, Mark (wife Sheila) Wenger of

Bluffton, Elaine (husband Dale) Wenger-Roesener of Las Vegas, NV, Ret. Col. Fred (wife Patricia) Wenger, III, USMC of Annandale, VA. and Judith (husband Tim) Schaffter of Roanoke along with 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings Norman Wenger of Decatur, Joan (husband Gene) Clanin of Bluffton, Don (wife Ann) Wenger of Fort Wayne and Betty Lou Bercot of Berne.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Mary Shaw, Harry Wenger and Dorothy Bacon.

Friends are invited to visit with the Wenger family from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012, at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 30, 2012, in the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service. Dr. Jeane Spoor will officiate. Burial will follow at Six-Mile Cemetery in Bluffton with Military honor performed by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Navy Honor Guard. Memorial may be made in Fred's memory to Plum Tree United Church of Christ or to Crossroads Children's Home. Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr Fred Wenger Jr.*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr Fred Wenger Jr.*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 10, 2020 at 03:00 PM

RP

“ Dear Edna,
I'm sorry to read of Freddie's passing. He was a good friend of my dad, Herman Pence. Dad regarded him highly as a friend and a craftsman, and when he needed something really special in the way of trim and cabinet work, he always turned to Freddie. My parents' home was finished with many examples of Freddie's craftsmanship, and now that both my parents are gone, I expect that those examples will stand for a long time as testimonial to the craftsmanship of a skilled workman.

I offer my condolences

Robert E Pence - October 09, 2012 at 06:59 AM

BG

“ Dear Edna,
So sorry to read about Fred's passing. You will be in my thoughts and Prayers.
BJ Gray



BJ Gray - October 02, 2012 at 06:54 PM

MZ

“ *Judith, Mrs Wenger, and family,*
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Lutheran Hospital IV Team

Melissa Zirzow - September 30, 2012 at 06:17 AM

CO

“ *Edna: I was sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I am sorry that I won't be able to join you. But you have my love and support from a distance. I know that God is going to carry you along. I know that this is good for Fred as the last few years have been a struggle. May you sense God's spirit near in this time through the presence of dear family and friends. Cindy Osgood, Former Bluffton First UMC Pastor.*

Cindy Osgood - September 29, 2012 at 07:05 PM

NH

“ *Edna and family:
Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Freddie...what a legacy you and he have left for your family, and what a loss! Freddie would always help our Mom when some custom woodworking was required. She would marvel at his talents. Three generations of our families knew each other and attended the Vera Cruz church together. May you find peace in the love and memories you all shared; you're all in our prayers.
With love from the children and families of C. Robert and Jane Reusser,
Nancy Halstead (Carlsbad, CA), Carol Foltz (Greenwood, IN), Donna Penrod (Bluffton), Jim (deceased), John (Bluffton), Tim (Brownsburg, IN), Dave (Liberty Center, IN) and Brian (Geist/Indpls., IN)*



Nancy Reusser Halstead - September 28, 2012 at 02:07 PM

RW

“ Edna and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you with your loss. Wells County also lost one of its great individuals. I remember his great dry sense of humor, our conversations about his logging out west and through you, Edna, I remember his probing questions on the Bible, faith and theology (Or was he just pulling another one on us!) Either way Fred was a man of deep faith for how else would he have come up with some of those questions.

Rev. Neil Wilson - September 28, 2012 at 10:46 AM

DS

“ I always remember Fred calling my dad the "Old Man" at Cline Lumber. Dad is gone now and I still appreciate this memory. Our prayers are with you all.
Doug Swisher and family

Doug Swisher - September 28, 2012 at 06:11 AM

CL

“ To Edna and Family: Fred was quite the family man, and loved his dearly . Years ago i just lived down the road from Fred and Edna and would stop in to just visit as Fred was always a joy to listen to with his stories. Please accept my tribute to remember this fine man.
Carol Lochtefeld (formerly Neuenschwander)

Carol Lochtefeld - September 27, 2012 at 08:49 PM



An American hero. May God rest his soul. Thinking of you. Valerie Wilson Jackson, Ossian and Doris Ann Wilson, Bluffton

Valerie Wilson Jackson - September 29, 2012 at 12:29 PM

CL

To Edna and family: Fred was quite a craftsman and he taught me a lot about how to actually make things. I live in Ft. Wayne now and take the afternoon paper. I mistakenly thought this was Jim Wenger's Dad, so I'm sorry to have missed the calling today. I can be reached at craigleonard1949@gmail.com or 1313 W. Wayne, 46802. I'll try to get down tomorrow.

Craig Leonard - September 29, 2012 at 07:48 PM

NW

*To Edna and Family: You have my deepest sympathy. We all know Fred is in a better place now. May your faith get you through this trying time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Neoma (Wenger) Woodin*

neoma woodin - September 30, 2012 at 09:58 AM

MK

To Edna and family: On behalf of myself and my brother, David Kelsay, Freddy made quite a contribution to the restoration of my house: windows, many feet of interior trim, cabinet doors and passage door that were made to make this the home that I love. The world has lost a great craftsman.

Mary Margaret Kelsay - September 30, 2012 at 03:32 PM

MK

To Edna and family: on behalf of myself and my brother David Kelsay, We mourn your loss. Fred made countless feet of trim, reproductions of doors and cabinet work that were used on the restoration of my house. The world has lost a true craftsman.

Mary Margaret Kelsay - September 30, 2012 at 06:17 PM