



Fred Joseph "Joe" Emshwiller

October 15, 1938 - May 10, 2011

Fred Joseph "Joe" Emshwiller, 72 of Bluffton suffered a heart attack and passed away Tuesday evening, May 10, 2011 at his residence in Bluffton.

Joe was born on October 15, 1938 in Bluffton to Fred Craven & Helen Arlene (Smith) Emshwiller. He graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1956. He went on to study and graduate from International Business College with a degree in Accounting. He served as the Owner / Accountant of Emshwiller & Emshwiller with his brother Ned starting in 1962, and worked a full day on Tuesday at the firm. Joe faithfully served our country in the United States Army.

On September 3, 1961 in Bluffton he married Loretta "Frankie" (Miller) Emshwiller. They shared 50 years of marriage together. Joe was very dedicated to our community. He was a member of the Bluffton Masonic Lodge #145, The Elks Lodge, The Kiwanis Club of Greater Bluffton, and served for many years on the Board of Bluffton Cemeteries. Joe has played a vital role for many years on the Board of the Bluffton Free Street Fair. Last year he and Frankie were honored as the Grand Marshals for the 100th Bluffton Free Street Fair. Frankie passed away on August 31, 2010, however, Joe with his positive spirit, rode the Grand Marshall Carriage through the opening night parade with his family, in loving memory of Frankie.

Joe is survived by his children; Mrs. Don "Brenda" Stafford of West Chester, Ohio, John J. (wife Donna) Emshwiller of Bluffton and Mrs. Isaac K.G. "Patricia" Fokuo of Nairobi, Kenya, along with 9 grandchildren; Matthew, Douglas, Clayton and Coleman Stafford, Rachel & Lucas Emshwiller and Jayden, Simon & Zahra Fokuo. He is also survived by his brothers Ned (wife Judy) Emshwiller of Muncie and Kent (wife Jean) of Bluffton along with a sister Mrs. Kenneth "Ann" Taylor of Washington. He is preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Beth (Emshwiller) McCarty and husband Daivd.

Friends are invited to visit with Joe's family from 2 to 8 on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church, with calling one hour prior to the service at the church. The Rev. Cindy Osgood and Ted Ellis will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Military Honors will be preformed by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or to the First United Methodist Church. Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Service

MAY 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fred Joseph "Joe" Emshwiller*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fred Joseph "Joe" Emshwiller*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *We were so very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was our Accountant for as long as the firm has been in existence. He has now been reunited with his dear "Frankie". We will miss chatting with him at tax time. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Marion and BJ Gray##imported-end##*

May 18, 2011 at 05:50 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your father. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Christi Reber##imported-end##*

May 18, 2011 at 05:32 PM



“ John, Patty and family. Sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Unexpected. I know words can't express, but we feel your loss. I trust your memories will last your lifetime.##imported-begin##Steve Kunkel##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 01:20 PM



“ john,patty and brenda,so sorry to hear of the passing of your father,you are all so lucky to have had such wonderful parents.you are in my thoughts and prayers.god bless all of you. marcia##imported-begin##marcia adams##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss, and send my condolences as I am unable to attend the viewing.##imported-begin##Laci Carroll##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 05:22 PM



“ Brenda, John, Patty,

I am saddened to hear the news of your father's passing. Please accept my condolences as I am unable to attend the service. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time

Michael McCarty##imported-begin##Michael McCarty##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ To the Emshwiller family, your dad did my taxes every year since I started working in 1973. I always enjoyed my time with him and he always had time to chat for a while, even though I knew he was very busy. He was a good man and I will miss him, especially when tax time comes along next year and it will be the time for our annual "visit". Best wishes and my deepest sympathy. Dennis Bowman##imported-begin##Dennis Bowman##imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 10:13 PM



“ It was a pleasure to be one Joe's clients. We appreciated his kindness, helpfulness & knowledge. We extend our sympathy.##imported-begin##Huffman & Sons Gunshop, Sarah Huffman, Doug Huffman, Mike Huffman & family##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 10:16 PM



“ We have fond memories of a wonderful man and friend.

Your family will be in our hearts and prayers.##imported-begin##John & Marty Lindsay##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 08:47 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this sad time. Carol Noeth##imported-begin##Carol Noeth##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Joe's passing and send our prayers to his family and business associates. He was a very good man and friend.##imported-begin##Dan and Judy Hammerstein##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 12:35 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to Joe's family. He definetly will be missed in the community and by his clients, we have known him since school days and he has always been the one who we counted on for filing our taxes. A wonderful person and friend.##imported-begin##Shirley & Wayne Harnish##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 07:29 AM



“ I wish all the family comfort in their time of need.##imported-begin##scott newell##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 09:13 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sandra Bevington##imported-begin##Sandra Bevington##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 03:32 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences from the extended Troop 962 Family.

Our prayers are with the Emshwiller & Stafford families.##imported-begin##BSA Troop 962##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 11:33 AM



“ I want to extend my condolences to Joe's family and everyone at the firm. You will all be in our hearts and prayers.##imported-begin##Luke Squires##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 09:43 AM



“ We extend our sympathy to the family and office staff with the passing of Joe. He was dedicated to the community and to his clients. He will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Larry & Carolyn Bayless##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 06:45 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family. Joe was always such a sweet man and so kind to my Aunt Pauline during the many years she worked for him. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Tonya (Black) Aerts##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 04:53 PM