



George Roy Steffen

August 29, 1923 - November 18, 2011

George Roy Steffen, 88, of Bluffton went home to be with the Lord at 3:10 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2011.

George was born on August 29, 1923 in Paulding County, Ohio to Cornelius & Anna (Oberlander) Steffen. George moved to Bluffton in 1928 as a child with his parents and attended Bluffton School System. He served our country in the United States Army during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1946 as a Corporal. On June 1, 1946 in Wabash he married Wanda Mae (Kiefer) Steffen.

George was a Partner & Operator in Bluffton Heating & Plumbing, Inc. in Bluffton for 50 years retiring in 1991. A Sheet Metal Fabricator, he also worked part time in the business after retiring for an additional 5 years.

George was a faithful member of Epworth United Methodist Church, where he served as a former trustee, member of the choir, a Sunday School Teacher and youth counselor. He was recently recognized as a Church Trustee Emeritus. George has volunteered thousands of hours at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic and also volunteered at the Wells County Food Bank.

George is survived by his wife of 65 years, Wanda Steffen of Bluffton, two sons Richard W. (wife Marla) Steffen of Redlands, California and Thomas G.

(wife Juli) Steffen of Bellevue, Washington, along with two grandchildren Aaron (wife Maritess Santiago) Steffen and Anna (husband Bryan) Tapia, along with a sister Mrs. Herman (Lillian) Arnold of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents along with three brothers; Raymond, Norman & Willis Steffen, two sisters Catherine Nicholson & Anna Stauffer.

Friends are invited to visit with the Steffen family from 2 to 8 on Monday, November 21, 2011 at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at Epworth United Methodist Church with calling for one hour prior to the service at the church. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton where Military Honors will be performed by the American Legion Post # 111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor Guard. Memorials may be made in George's memory to the Epworth United Methodist Church through the funeral home. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 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

NOV **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

South Whitley Cemetery
393 Collamer Rd
South Whitley, IN

Service

NOV **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Roy Steffen*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *George Roy Steffen*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear: Steffen Family,

While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one.

Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.

Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever...." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.

If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? IF you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).

I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.

Sincerely Yours,

Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 02:46 PM



“ Wanda,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I know George had been ill for a while. I have fond memories of both of you from my days in Bluffton.##imported-begin##Bill DeArmond##imported-end##

November 30, 2011 at 10:39 AM



“ Cindy and I have been keeping you in our thoughts and prayers this week as you gather to grieve and celebrate. May God's grace and peace be your constant companion as you give thanks for a life well lived and treasure the joy that you have been able to share through the years as a family.###imported-begin###Joe DeRoulhac###imported-end##

November 23, 2011 at 06:49 PM



“ Dear Wanda,
We were so sorry to hear of your dear George's passing. This will be a hard time for you, but your Shepherd promises to be with you as you walk through this valley of the shadow of death.
May Christ comfort and sustain you.
Love
Paula & Chip###imported-begin###Chip & Paula Gast###imported-end##

November 23, 2011 at 02:05 PM



“ Sending my condolences to all of you. I have many memories of George at Epworth as a kid. Very nice man and very quiet man! Thinking of you all. God bless. Valerie, Doris Ann and Stan###imported-begin###Valerie Wilson Jackson###imported-end##

November 22, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers!###imported-begin###Rev. Dr. Norman R Glassburn###imported-end##

November 22, 2011 at 10:52 AM



“ Dear Wanda, Tom, Juli and Family,

I'm very sorry for your lose. You will be in my thoughts over the coming weeks and months.

I remember George as being good humored, handy, and kind. George once helped me reattach part of your bathroom sink at Culver, Tom and Juli. I thought it was a drawer but it was just decorative. I was so upset because I'd broken your house. Wanda, you may not remember, but I ran and got you. You got George. He quickly assessed the situation, saw my distress, and told me this would be our secret and popped the decorative board back into place. Handy and kind. As a kid that kindness meant the world to me. Throughout the rest of the weekend he'd look over at me and give me a reassuring wink or a smile.

My hope for the Steffen family is that this time can also be one of sharing fond memories and stories of George.

All my love,

Evelyn###imported-begin##Evelyn Hovee###imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 06:53 PM



“ Wanda,

I am so sorry to hear about George. I will be thinking and praying for you and your family. You both are wonderful people, and George will be greatly missed.

Love,

Jennifer###imported-begin##Jennifer Welsh###imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ Dear Wanda and family,
I was so sorry to hear of George's passing. He was such a kind man to all of the kids in the neighborhood and I have so many fond memories of both of you from Epworth. What wonderful years those were! George was such a faithful servant to the Lord. We were so fortunate to have such a great neighborhood on Wabash Street with wonderful families. I shall always cherish those precious memories of the good times and good families that grew up together. May God comfort you in the days to come as you go through this painful time.
Love you,
Kathy McFarren Bauman##imported-begin##Kathy
Bauman##imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 04:04 PM



“ Dear Wanda, Dick & Marla and children, Tom & Juli,

How appropriate that the Lord would take George home during this Thanksgiving season!

George was a Godly husband, father and grandfather.

Each year at Thanksgiving you can remember George and thank the Lord for his life and his legacy of service and devotion to the Lord and to you his family.

Sending our prayers, with thanksgiving for the example George was to others.

May God bless each of you,

Aloha,

*Tom & La Verne Kiefer
San Mateo, CA.##imported-begin##Tom & La Verne
Kiefer##imported-end##*

November 21, 2011 at 01:00 PM



“ Wanda,
My condolences to you and your family. George was a good man and will be deeply missed by the many people who's lives he touched. My family will be keeping you and your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Scott Falk##imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 10:39 AM



“ Dear Wanda and family: I was so sorry to hear about George. I hope to be able to join you on Tuesday if possible. If you don't see me it won't be for lack of trying. You will be in thoughts and prayers as you go through this time. Thanks Cindy.##imported-begin##Cindy Osgood##imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ The two of you have made such an amazing impact in our lives here at Summit Hearing Solutions. You've been such a blessing, and we love you.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Wanda, and we are deeply saddened by George's passing.##imported-begin##Ted, Joy and Mark##imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 08:46 AM



“ Dear Wanda, Tom, Juli, and family,
We were so sorry to hear about George's passing. Praying for all of you, and sending you our love in this time of sorrow.
Lannie and John Thompson##imported-begin##Lannie Thompson##imported-end##

November 20, 2011 at 02:22 PM



“ George was a kind, gentle and wise man. It was a wonderful experience growing up with George, Wanda, and their family as our neighbors. We love you all.
Brian Falk & family##imported-begin##Brian Falk, and family##imported-end##

November 20, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ Dick, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father-- heard of his passing through a mutual friend. So many years have passed since our last contact.

God bless you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Timothy Nelson##imported-end##

November 20, 2011 at 01:18 PM



“ Wanda,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I won't be able to make it to the viewing or the funeral but you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love Always,

Amanda Spradling##imported-begin##Amanda Spradling##imported-end##

November 20, 2011 at 01:02 PM



“ I had the great honor to be in George’s presence on several occasions when I was working with Tom Steffen at the Culver Academies. Each and every time—when we would trade life stories—I came to realize how much he epitomized the meaning of the word “gentleman,” and how deeply in his heart he carried the love for his friends and family members. I was always excited to hear that he and Wanda were making another visit, knowing that I would get to hear more memories of their life together.

Wanda and family: Being a thousand miles distant from you frustrates my great desire to be there in Bluffton...to exchange hugs and even more memories! Please know, though, that on Tuesday, we—the Order of Christian Workers—will say a Mass of Celebration and Gratitude for George’s life. We know that his spirit will be among us as we give thanks—even as we hope that you’ll know that we are spiritually present in Bluffton as his life is celebrated and honored. More than anything, we know that he rests in the bosom of God.

With love & blessings,

Fr. Tom Jackson

Abbot, Order of Christian Workers

Tyler, Texas###imported-begin###Fr. Tom Jackson###imported-end###

November 20, 2011 at 12:15 PM



“ George has touched countless lives including those of my family. He was a great example of a godly man and we are blessed beyond measure to have been loved by him. We love you "Auntie" and our hearts go out to you as George leaves this world to be with his friend Jesus.

XOXOXO

Deb, Mike, Rob, and Matt###imported-begin###Deb

Connett###imported-end###

November 20, 2011 at 06:33 AM



“ Wanda, My condolence to you Dick and Tom. I remember George letting us play football in your yard. I will remember him as a kind and thoughtful man. May you find peace in these difficult times.
Mike Falk###imported-begin##Mike Falk###imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 08:33 PM



“ My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I so enjoyed seeing you both as volunteers when I was working at the Clinic. I would be there with you as you were with me when my Mom passed, but being in New York does not allow me to do so. God bless you all.###imported-begin##Linda (Lowe) Moses###imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 01:48 PM



“ I'm saddened to learn of George's death.I know we always say that they are in a better place, but it still hurts a lot for those that are still here. You have our sympathy Wanda.###imported-begin##Elaine (Tarr) Tobias###imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ Wanda and Family; I was sorry to hear about George. You,George, Wannetta and I had a lot of good times together. I will never forget them. We all will miss him but we all will be together some day where there will be no srry, just happiness.Ilove you all. Thinking of you, Herschell & Casey###imported-begin##Herschell L. Penrod & Casey###imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 10:10 AM



“ Wanda,

You have our deepest sympathy. George was a wonderful person and we were blessed to know him.

Love,

Doris & Sue Kummer##imported-begin##Doris & Sue Kummer##imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ Wanda, My heart and prayers will be with you in this time of sorrow. I cherish the memories of you and George at Epworth.##imported-begin##Wayne Grove##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 09:10 PM



“ I love you Wanda. You have my deepest sympathy in your loss of George. Love Becky and Maxine##imported-begin##Becky Welsh##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 05:56 PM



“ You have my deepest sympathy in your loss.##imported-begin##Vicki (Norton) Waldron##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 04:49 PM