



## Homer E. Petzel

September 16, 1924 - April 7, 2017

Homer Eugene Petzel, 92, of Danielsville, Georgia and a former Bluffton Resident passed away on April 7, 2017 after a short illness.

Mr. Petzel was born on September 16, 1924 in Bluffton to Floyd H. & Lucille (Richey) Petzel.

He graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1943. Like many young men of his generation he joined the service of his country in World War II immediately after school and served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946.

On October 6, 1946 he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Lou Neusbaum, (deceased). They were married 66 years.

While in Bluffton Mr. Petzel was a partner in the Graden Service Station with Bob White before moving to Florida.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, First United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge and a Lifetime member of the Bluffton American Legion.

Survivors are a daughter Karyl A. Maiorana of Hartwell, GA and a son Todd E. Petzel of Danielsville, GA, along with 4 grandchildren: Wendy Tomlinson, Larry Geist, Sarah and Rebecca Petzel. He also had 3 great-grandchildren,

Mark and Brett Tomlinson and Lynsey MacKenzie.

He is also survived by three brothers: Robert F. Petzel, Jerry W. Petzel and Ned R. Petzel and a sister Nancy K. Payne.

Homer is preceded in death by his wife, and parents.

Over the years his greatest joys were bowling, fishing, traveling with his wife, and enjoying his family. His first attempt at retirement was short-lived. After scratching off every item on the house to-do list in a matter of months, he returned to the labor force, working part-time into his early 80's. Social interactions were a vital part of his life, and family, friends and colleagues all valued the time he shared with them as precious.

Calling hours will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday (April 12, 2017) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Masonic Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, followed by funeral services at the funeral home. Jeff Lemler will officiate. Burial will follow at Old Salem Cemetery with military honors by the United States Navy Honors and American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to any of the Bluffton chapters of the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion or the Elks in his memory would be appreciated.

Funeral services have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Old Salem Cemetery

6486S 700E  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

APR 12. 11:00 AM (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 Homer E. Petzel*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - April 12, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *Homer E. Petzel*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To the Surviving Petzel Family,*

*I learned of Homer's passing just today, April 17. I was fortunate enough to grow up as a neighbor to the Petzels. I remember Homer like Brother Bob going off to serve in the Navy and his marriage to Betty when he returned. I worked for Homer and Bob White when I was in Bluffton High, learning that work can also be a joy. Thanks for the memories, Homer.*



*Kent Speheger*

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**kent speheger** - April 17, 2017 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Todd and Carol:*

*By the time I learned of Homer's passing the funeral had already occurred. However, I wanted you to know how special your father, and all of your family, was to me. I have fond memories of all the times spent together, and your father was a big part of those memories. Please know you have our sincerest condolences, and I am sure Homer is with God in Heaven.*

*Mike and Debbie Lautzenheiser*

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**Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser** - April 14, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Homer E. Petzel.*



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April 10, 2017 at 04:24 PM