



Jack Richard Eley

August 29, 1925 - September 7, 2007

Former downtown Bluffton businessman Jack Richard Eley, 82, of Bluffton, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Born in Argos to Elmer Dean and Myrtle Amelia (Hizer) Eley on Aug. 29, 1925, Mr. Eley married Patricia Ann Thomet in Argos on Aug. 16, 1947; she survives.

A 1943 graduate of Argos High School, Mr. Eley served in the U.S. Navy from November 1943 to April 1946. He graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne in 1948. He managed Goodyear Tire Rubber stores in Greensburg and Hartford City, and owned and operated Eley TV and Appliance Sales in Bluffton for 37 years beginning in December of 1953. He was chairman for the Bluffton Travelogue for more than 30 years, and was active in the Bluffton Kiwanis Club. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church. He and his wife spent winters in Sebring, Fla., for 15 years.

Other surviving relatives include three daughters, Cheryllee (Jerry) Flack of Bluffton, Janet Kay (Dennis) Hatfield of Magnolia, Tex., and Terri Lynn (Richard) Wahl of Pandora, Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Eley was preceded in death by his brother Maurice Dean Eley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with the Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to service at the church. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be performed by American legion Post 111 and the U.S. Navy Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials are to the Gideons or the Wells County YMCA.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 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

Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



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“ *9-12-07 Eley Family: I'm sorry that I didn't make it to Jack's viewing. I broke a bone in my foot and am recovering with an air cast. Lots of fun. Jack was a very nice man and I always enjoyed him thruout my years in banking. I'm sure that you will all miss him. What special memories you must have of him. Thinking of you and your. Kathy###imported-begin###Kathy Longenberger###imported-end##*

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“ *Our prayers are with your family.###imported-begin###Joe & Doreen Ayers###imported-end##*

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