



John Pease

October 4, 1924 - June 5, 2012

John J. Pease, 87 of Bluffton, passed away at 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at River Terrace Estates.

John was born on October 4, 1924 in Wells County, Indiana to Lester R. Pease and Evelyn D. (Speheger) Pease. He married Esther L. (Ginter) in Wells County on April 14, 1946. She preceded him in death on July 27, 2001. John married Phyllis (Barnett) Langel in Adams County on September 24, 2002 and she survives.

John was a graduate of Bluffton High School. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran having served our country from July 29, 1943 to January 24, 1946 in the European Theater.

John worked for 27 ½ years for the U.S. Postal Service and retired as the Superintendent of Postal Operations in December of 1980. In his retirement, John worked as a bus driver and van driver for Bluffton Harrison Schools for seventeen years.

John was a 70+ year member of First Baptist Church in Bluffton where he formerly served as treasurer, trustee, and sang in the choir. He was a former member of the Bluffton Kiwanis Club and served as their president in 1967. He was a 60+ year member of the Grover Sheets American Legion Post #111.

John was also a member of the Bluffton Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine Temple, and the Eastern Star having formerly served as their Worthy Patron.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by two daughters, Gloria (Noel) Phegley of Columbia City, Janet (Herb) Heyerly of Bluffton, a daughter-in-law, Julie Pease of Arlington, Texas, two step-sons, Donald W. Langel of Lafayette, Timothy B. (Linda) Langel of Linn Grove, three step-daughters, Sarah J. (Jonathan) Stutzman of Berne, Catherine A. (Kelley) Householder of Bluffton, Beth I. (Carl) Waterman of Sullivan, two grandchildren, Abby (Jared) English of South Whitley, Jamie (Ryan) Pepler of Columbia City, seven step-grandchildren, Jade Heyerly of Bluffton, Jared (Angel) Heyerly of Ossian, Amanda Householder of Lancaster, Ohio, Melissa Householder of O'Fallon, Illinois, Brad (Jennifer) Waterman of Sullivan, Kyle (Liz) Brown of Birmingham, Alabama, Jacki (Abe) Lawless of Texas and eight great-grandchildren. John was also preceded in death by two sons, James Alan Pease in 1963 and Thomas R. Pease in 2003.

Calling hours are 1:00 to 4:00 and 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. A service celebrating John's life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Bluffton with Pastor Bud Abrams officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post #111 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials are to First Baptist Church or to the local Hospice agency, Family Life Care. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarih.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
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Visitation

JUN 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry St.
Bluffton, IN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Pease*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Pease*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Janet and Gloria, I just recently learned of your dad's passing. I remember him as a very kind, gentle man. I know you will miss him greatly. God bless. Valere (Wilson) Jackson*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - August 17, 2012 at 12:58 PM



“ *Dear Phyllis and Family,*

We are so sorry we missed John's visitation and funeral last week. We were in Florida with our granddaughters. John was such a sweet man and we enjoyed getting to know him. He was so fortunate to have such a loving and caring wife and family. Please accept our sympathy and let us know how we can be of help to you.##imported-begin##Rick and Carol Yoder##imported-end##

June 18, 2012 at 11:22 AM



“ Dear Gloria and family,
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your father...my sympathies and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Deb Blair White##imported-end##

June 17, 2012 at 09:43 PM



“ "Mr. Pease" was my bus driver for most of my school years and I just adored him. Whether he was driving our regular route or taking us on band trips or to swim meets, it was evident he loved what he did. He was like a grandfather to me and I hope my children are lucky enough to have such a caring person in their young lives. My heart-felt condolences to all of you.##imported-begin##Lisa Creek Schlemmer##imported-end##

June 15, 2012 at 09:35 PM



“ Kelley, Cathy, and Phyllis - My thoughts and prayers are with you and the extended family. May you be surrounded by God's peace and lovely memories.##imported-begin##Aisha Shael##imported-end##

June 08, 2012 at 02:52 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. In His Amazing Love, Mac and Gina##imported-begin##The McDaniels##imported-end##

June 08, 2012 at 12:16 PM



“ Dear Janet,
I am so sorry to hear about your father. He was such a sweet man and was a big help to me when my father passed away. He was always there with a kind word and very supportive. He will be greatly missed.
With sympathy,
Doris##imported-begin##Doris Chartier##imported-end##

June 07, 2012 at 09:21 PM



“ Phyllis, Janet, Gloria and family;

John was such an amazing man and will be missed so very much. I loved being around him as his smile and laugh were contagious. He was such a joyful person with a beautiful heart. I always wished I lived closer so I could spend more time with him and your beautiful family.

As much as John will be missed here on Earth, I am so happy at the reunion that's going on in Heaven right now. "I can only imagine".

Love to you all,
Julie##imported-begin##Julie Pease##imported-end##

June 07, 2012 at 04:29 PM



“ Our condolences are extended to Phyllis and all of the family of John Pease as John now walks with God in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Norma Stout, Alan Stout, Makaye Conrad ##imported-end##

June 07, 2012 at 11:43 AM



“ GLORIA AND FAMILY,
MAY YOU SENSE THE LORD'S LOVING PRESENCE
TODAY...KEEPING YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART, ASSURING YOU
OF HIS TENDER CARE, AND COVERING YOU WITH HIS
GRACE.
WITH THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS,
ROSE AND JANET HURD##imported-begin##ROSE AND JANET
HURD##imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 11:14 PM



“ Gloria and Janet,
It is so hard to believe of the passing of John. I know that there is
great joy going on with the 400 block of West Wiley neighborhood
reunion. The porch swings are moving. I am so sorry that I can't be
there. Our 2 families have been together in good times and bad. I
am still in school. Please know that your families are in my thoughts
and prayers. And I will cherish the memories of true
neighbors.##imported-begin##debbie heckman##imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 10:15 PM