



John O. Paxson

January 20, 1926 - February 8, 2007

A former Bluffton resident, John O. Paxson, 81, of Syracuse died Thursday morning, Feb. 8, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Paxson worked 43 years at Dana Corporation. He and his wife had lived in Bluffton from 1960 to 1989, and he was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton and the Bluffton Elks Lodge.

A Navy veteran with service during World War II, Mr. Paxson was a member of the Syracuse American Legion Post. He also was a member of the Syracuse Kiwanis Club, Pennville Masonic Lodge #212 and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

Born on Jan. 20, 1926, in Pennville, he was a son of Lester Orville Paxson and Mary Bethany (Hartup), and graduated from Petroleum High School. His marriage in Pennville on May 22, 1948, was to Jean H. (Hullinger) Paxson, who preceded him in death on April 16, 2005.

Survivors include a son, Steven K. (Pamela) Paxson of Roanoke; a daughter, Pamela (Tom) Gibson of Bluffton; three sisters, Virginia Conkling of Portland, Freda Christman of Pennville and Josephine Aschliman of Bluffton; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a twin brother, James Paxson, and another brother, Ralph Paxson.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Masonic funeral rites will be conducted at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Robert Madsen officiating. Full military honors will be conducted by American Legion Post #111 at the conclusion of the funeral service.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church Youth Group and the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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



“ *John O. Paxson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pam, Steve and families, I just wanted to express my sympathy in the loss of your dad. I have lots of good memories of John and Jean when we were all little tykes and want you to know I'm thinking of you. God bless. Valerie Wilson Jackson###imported-begin##Valerie Wilson Jackson###imported-end##*

February 15, 2007 at 04:37 AM



“ *Steve, Pam and family:
We met John when we joined the Wawasee Kiwanis Club several years ago. We enjoyed our Saturday morning meetings and John always greeted everyone with a smile. His fishing stories and the fishing trips that were auctioned to raise money for Riley Children's Hospital have always been a memorable experience for all that had the opportunity to enjoy! His smiling face at our local Ace Hardware will be missed too. He always spoke with great pride about his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful man and our prayers are with you during this time.
Robert & Tami Vandal###imported-begin##Robert & Tami Vandal###imported-end##*

February 12, 2007 at 09:17 AM



“ Steve, Pam, Jeff & Jill:

You are in our thoughts at this time of your loss. Mike always spoke fondly of your father (grandfather) and the times he spent at the lake. I know he will be missed. Hold close your memories of him.

*John & Char Holbrook##imported-begin##John & Char
Holbrook##imported-end##*

February 12, 2007 at 08:16 AM



“ Dear Pam, Steve and Family,

We were so saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. We had hoped to be able to attend his viewing, but unfortunately have prior work commitments that will keep us from coming. Our sincere sympathy goes out to you and your families. I'm sure you know how much you were loved, but let me tell you from our perspective it was very obvious too. He was so very proud of both of you and your kids. He always spoke of his family with love and pride. Having been through this ourselves, we know how much you will miss him.

There are so many ways he will be missed here as well. He'll be missed at our Saturday morning Kiwanis meetings. It's a tradition to shake hands, but I usually got a hug from John. The sound of his special "laugh" will definitely be missed. We'll miss waving to him in his pontoon boat next summer and summers to follow. We'll miss hearing fishing stories from he and his good buddy Charlie. I'm not sure if you know that we had "fishing trip auctions" at Kiwanis. Those who went said it was something everyone should experience because of John and Charlie. In fact, we just auctioned a fishing trip off last month that Charlie will have to captain alone.

Be comforted in the knowledge that he is now with your mother again and at peace.

In loving memory,

*Tom and Jan Hodgson##imported-begin##Tom and Jan
Hodgson##imported-end##*

February 11, 2007 at 02:12 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Steve and Pamela
John's freind Dale J.Gamble###imported-begin##Dale J.
Gamble###imported-end##

February 10, 2007 at 11:41 AM



“ On behalf of the Wawasee Kiwanis Club we want to express our
sympathy to John's family. He was truly a special man and meant a
lot to all the members of our club. We will be placing a book in the
Syracuse Library in his memory. Please let me know of any of
John's passions as we will place a book in that area in the library.
My thoughts now are IU basketball and fishing but there may be
others. Please also tell me who to notify when the book is
chosen.###imported-begin##Ted Mahnensmith###imported-end##

February 09, 2007 at 08:53 PM