



Max E. Deihl

July 7, 1923 - November 15, 2009

Max E. Deihl, 86 of Bluffton passed away at 1:22 p.m. Sunday, November 15, 2009 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Max was born on July 7, 1923 in Craigville, Indiana to Frank & Anna Marie (Cotterly) Deihl. He graduated from Lancaster High School with the class of 1941 and then went to work at Stinson Aircraft in Wayne, Michigan. In May of 1943 he moved back to Bluffton and started work at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne, where he worked until he retired in 1974. After retirement he drove for Reimschisel Ford for 18 years.

On August 19, 1942 at Pleasant Lake, Max and Anna Louise (Miller) were married.

Max was very devoted to Boy Scouts. He served as a Scout Master for 8 years from 1958 – 67 for the Kiwanis Troop #140, and has received numerous awards for his time helping the scouting program. He was a Thirty Second degree Member of the Masonic Lodge # 145 of Bluffton, and a member of the First Reformed Church. In his free time, Max enjoyed golf and being outdoors.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Anna Louise of Bluffton and a son William (wife Susan) Deihl of Richmond Virginia. He is preceded in death by two brothers; Robert W. and Dwight Deihl.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Dr. Gene Bell of the First Reformed Church will officiate. A Private family graveside service will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery at a later time. Memorials may be made to Christian Care Retirement Center, First Reformed Church or to Wells County Boys & Girls Club.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Friends may send online condolences to www.thomarrich.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Max E. Deihl*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family who will miss this fine man. We thought you'd like to hear that we are still driving two of Max's cars and keeping them up the way he would have, though the wagon is no longer "like new." We felt special to be entrusted with his "wheels."*

We hope you find comfort for your loss.##imported-begin##Tom and Maureen Butler##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 08:40 PM



“ *Dear Bud,*

"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Helen Keller

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Tasheka Steverson##imported-begin##Tasheka Steverson##imported-end##*

November 20, 2009 at 04:56 PM



“ *To the Deihl Family,*

My sincere sympathy on the passing of Bud's father.

Molly Sheahan##imported-begin##Molly Sheahan##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 04:29 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Deihl, Bud, and Susan,*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We work with Susan, and have worked with Bud in the past and consider them to be very good friends as well as work family. We didn't know Max, but knowing Bud as we do, we are certain he was a very wonderful person. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Sue and David Evans##imported-begin##Susan and David Evans##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 04:13 PM



“ *Dear Susan and Bud,*

So sorry to hear of your loss.

Kate

Softchalk##imported-begin##Kate Barnard##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 04:08 PM



“ Dear Louise, I was so sorry to read about Max's death. I always enjoyed talking about computers with him in the church office. He was a lovely man and my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kathy Durkett##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 12:22 PM



“ Louise, The two of you are so special to Pat, the girls and I. We all were so saddened to get your phone call telling us that Max had passed away. We have so many special memories. Christmas eve's spent together, birthdays spent together, being neighbors on Arnold Street and loving your backyard porch swing, and how proud Max always was of his immaculate yard and his red geraniums. Praying for you strength in knowing that Max is in a wonderful place. Love, Pat, Noreen, Carli and Ashtyn##imported-begin##Pat and Noreen##imported-end##

November 20, 2009 at 09:57 AM



“ I would like to express my condolences on the loss of a good scouter and helpful neighbor.##imported-begin##John Deming##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 06:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Max was a wonderful person. I always enjoyed talking to him out Hickory Hills Golf Club. My father, Don Keller, who was one of the owners of the club got such a big bang out of Max. Max kept everyone out at the golf course on their toes. He will be missed. God Bless you all!
Renee Keller Captain###imported-begin##Renee Keller
Captain###imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ Mrs. Deihl, Bud and Susan you are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time. Bud and Susan you have meant so much to Barbara and I all these years. You both were especially kind to Barbara's dad during his life and most supportive during the passing of Barbara's mother and dad. May God bless you.

Joe and Barbara Bancroft
Bon Air Christian Church
Richmond, Virginia###imported-begin##Joe and Barbara
Bancroft###imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ So Sorry for your loss. Max was a great man you were very lucky to have him for many years. Hope you are doing well.
Fawn###imported-begin##Fawn Duncan###imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 05:22 PM



“ Louise, I was so sorry to read on email, of Max's death. You have my deepest sympathy. I am in Tucson, AZ, so I can not even come to visit you at the funeral home. What wonderful memories I have of you, Max and Bill, when I was a kid and probably a "pest", and you lived across the street from us. I know that you are getting the best of care, as I received such wonderful care, this past summer when Carl died, from Thoma's. Please know I'm thinking of you and remembering the good time we have had. Love always, Armatha Hook Green###imported-begin##Armatha Green###imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 03:20 PM



“ Mrs. Diehl,
I am so sorry to learn of Max's passing. I talked to him in Wal-Mart several months ago. That was the first that I had seen either one of you since his Mother, Marie, passed away. I met you dear folk at Swiss Village where I was employed as Activity Director in healthcare. I always enjoyed your visits when you came to see Marie. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Psalm 121###imported-begin##Judy Bixler, Dye###imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 02:58 PM



“ Louise,

We were so sorry to hear that Max passed away. You and your family are in our prayers.###imported-begin##Jerry & Carolyn Hunnicutt###imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 02:17 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear about Max. It was a pleasure taking care of him. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Becky Aschliman (continuing care)##imported-end##

November 18, 2009 at 03:32 AM



“ Hello Louise,
I was sorry to hear of Max's passing. I missed chatting with him in Instant messaging and receiving emails. I pray for strength for you in the coming days.##imported-begin##Suzanne Markley##imported-end##

November 17, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ Dear Louise, we were so sad to receive your e-mail about Max passing. As you know, he was always "Santa" to me. He was also a great friend and neighbor. We will miss him--particularly this Christmas Eve when I don't receive my call from Santa. I know he will still be thinking of you and the rest of us. He was a lovely person and fortunate to have you as his wife. We are thinking of you.

Kevin Riley

Point Lookout, Missouri##imported-begin##Kevin Riley##imported-end##

November 17, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ Dear Louise, I am so sorry to here of the death of your husband Max. We know he is in a much better place now,although we will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May God bless you and give you the strength you need during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Cherry Grimm##imported-end##

November 16, 2009 at 07:43 PM