



## Orville G. Mahnensmith

August 2, 1923 - June 24, 2010

Orville G. Mahnensmith 86 of Bluffton passed away at 6 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 2010 at his residence.

He was born on August 2, 1923 in Preble, Indiana to Marshall & Rose (Kreigh) Mahnensmith. Orville graduated in 1941 from Ossian High School, where he was very active in basketball and other sports. He obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tri-State College in 1943. He served his country in the United States Navy as an Engineering Officer in the South Pacific. After the service, he worked at Bowser, and Ossian Engineering. Orville retired from Tuthill Pump Company in 1985 where he served as a salesman and President.

On March 4, 1944 Orville and Marcille (Hedges) were married at the Ossian United Methodist Church. They have shared the last 66 years together, she survives in Bluffton.

Other survivors include 3 children; Ted (Jerri) Mahnensmith of Syracuse, IN Carole (Larry) Prible of Carmel, IN and Rex (Pat) Mahnensmith of Hamden, CT. along with 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Orville loved his wife and family. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He attended as many of their activities as possible and didn't miss any of Jared's (a grandson) games at Wawasee. He loved golf, IU basketball and supporting Bluffton High School athletics. He was a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, Bluffton Masonic Lodge, Kehoe Park Board Member, past president of the Parlor City Country Club and attended First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

Friends are invited to visit with Orville's family from 2 to 8 on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, June 28, 2010 in the funeral home with Pastor Bud Abrams and Rev. Lon Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with military graveside service by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Navy Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to the Bluffton High School Athletic Boosters. Friends can send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 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](mailto:info@thomarich.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Orville G. Mahnensmith*



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



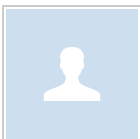
“ *Orville G. Mahnensmith*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Please know you are in my thoughts & prayers.##imported-begin##Susan Schafer##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2010 at 01:54 PM



“ *Marcille, Ted, Carol and Rex and families - we would like to offer our sincere sympathy on the passing of Orville. Sorry we were unable to come to the viewing or funeral, it would have been great to see each of you; however, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Poppy & Cheryl Smith##imported-begin##Poppy and Cheryl Smith##imported-end##*

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June 28, 2010 at 05:05 PM



“ *The planners for the summer concert series at Kehoe Park send our sincere condolences to the family. Orville was a great team player in the preparations for the concert series. When the discussion called for it, his reasoning and practical advice led to many sound decisions that have kept the series going all these years. We marveled at seeing his loyalty in attending, using the car AC on those hot summer nights. We'll be thinking of him and missing him this summer as the music plays on.*

*Remembered by: Mayor Ted Ellis, Kenny George, Diane Holland, Howard Rich, Roger Sherer, Arlene Stoller, Phil Swain, Pam Vanderkolk and Maureen Butler##imported-begin##Maureen Butler##imported-end##*

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June 28, 2010 at 10:13 AM



“ *My sympathy to your family during this most difficult time. May you find peace knowing that he is now with our Lord.##imported-begin##Cheryl Gray##imported-end##*

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June 27, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ *Orv and Barney hired me in 1966 for engineering at Fill-Rite Div. Orv was very knowledgeable lead me to a great career at Fill-rite. He was a great Sales Manager, liked very much by distributors. I cherish the days I worked with both Orv and Barney. I wish Marcille and their family the best.##imported-begin##Lowell V. Grover##imported-end##*

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June 27, 2010 at 11:33 AM



“ *Larry and Carole,  
You have our love and sympathy at this time. I doubt if I will be coming to the funeral home, as Bob was admitted to the hospital yesterday and I'm trying to keep up with things there.  
Carole, I remember walking by your parents' house every day on my way to high school.  
--Janet Herring (for Bob and me)###imported-begin##Janet (Morris) Herring###imported-end##*

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June 26, 2010 at 12:29 PM



“ *Thankful for many wonderful memories of my Granddad. You will be so missed.*

*Love you!###imported-begin##Katy###imported-end##*

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June 26, 2010 at 12:08 AM



“ *My condolences to the family.*

*I am a classmate of Rex's. I remember spending time in the home in my younger years. I remember friends and a good family life there.*

*God bless you in this difficult time.*

*My prayers are with you.###imported-begin##David B Powell###imported-end##*

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June 25, 2010 at 12:02 PM



“ *Peace and comfort to you and your family. With deep sympathy on the loss of your father and friend.##imported-begin##Dennis Herman##imported-end##*

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June 24, 2010 at 01:20 PM