



Ralph Urshel

July 5, 1924 - December 1, 2016

Ralph Urshel, 92, of Bluffton and a longtime resident of Ossian passed away Thursday morning, December 1, 2016, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on July 5, 1924 in Bluffton to Ralph M. Urshel, Sr. & Pearl May (Barlett) Urshel. He graduated from Ossian High School with the class of 1943 and attended some college courses at IUPUI in Fort Wayne.

On December 21, 1945 Ralph and Betty Rose (Kinsey) were married. Ralph worked as a Day Foreman at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne, until he retired in 1981, after 34 years. Ralph and Betty then moved to Longville, Minnesota where Ralph served as a Councilman and mayor of Longville. In 2001 they moved back to Bluffton. He loved to fish and placed 4th in a walleye tournament.

Survivors include three daughters; Marjorie Smith of Huntington, Claudia (Ross) Christman of Neenah, Wisconsin and Kimberly (Mark) Pierce of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, along with two sons: Daniel (Gina) Urshel and Brent (Bev) Urshel, both of Ossian. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren and a cousin Betty Lou Dunwiddie of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Betty on July 9, 2010.

A service to Celebrate Ralph's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday (December 15, 2016) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Rev. Cindy Osgood will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 7 on Wednesday (December 14, 2016) at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.
Ossian, IN 46777
(260) 622-6526

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Service

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 14, 2016 at 07:41 AM



“ *Ralph Urshel*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to your family May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy*
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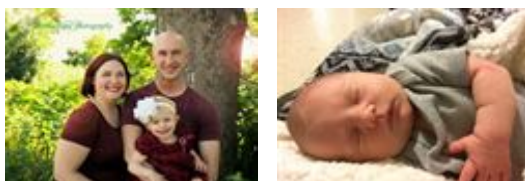
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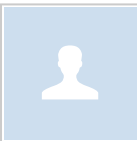
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“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Urshel*.



December 12, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Urshel*.



December 12, 2016 at 06:57 AM



“ *Always thinking times on Girl Lake and How you treated my Dad and I..*



Melisse Brosamer - December 05, 2016 at 06:53 AM

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Brittany Calvert - December 03, 2016 at 07:36 AM

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“ *Ralph is known to me as Grandpa. He's the guy I've looked up to since i was little. He practically raised me to be the man I am today. Yes I am his Grandson, Sean. Most of my memories are when he lived here in Minnesota. He lived on a girl lake with my grandma. My most fond and fun memories are when we would go fishing, especially on three island lake(my favorite). My grandma of course would always catch the biggest fish. :)*

One thing i just admired about him was how he took care of my grandma. He never complained or was frustrated, he just loved her and that's how I know what true love looks like. I always thought it was funny as they referred to each other as ma or dad.

Grandpa was more than my Grandpa, he was a guy I looked up to, the guy I strive to be.I will miss him dearly and am very grateful that he got to meet my Daughter Emma a few months ago. Love and miss you Grandpa.

Love Sean

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