



Ray G. Lesh

September 21, 1920 - February 12, 2022

Ray G. Lesh 101, of Bluffton passed away, Feb. 12, 2022, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was born September 21, 1920 at home in Rockcreek Township to Dwight and Lela (Gilbert) Lesh. Ray graduated from Rockcreek High School with the class of 1938 as class President. After graduation, Ray became a custodian at Rockcreek along with his brother Gerald. He continued to work on the family farm until he enlisted in the Army Air Corp, in February 1942. He served as an airplane sheet metal mechanic in Australia for 3 years. He returned from WWII and continued as a custodian for Rockcreek/ Northern Wells Community Schools, retiring after 50 yrs.

On Jan. 27, 1946, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ray married the love of his life Roberta Milligan. They shared 72 years of marriage before her death on Oct. 22, 2018. Survivors include children, David E.(Robin) Lesh of Land' O' Lakes, FL, Linda (Bill) Schaefer of Greentown, Bruce A. (Fran)Lesh of Bluffton, Kent M. (Kelli) Lesh of Bluffton; along with 10 grandchildren,13 great-grandchildren and 4 great- great – grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister Ruth Fisher of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers; Gerald Lesh, Dale Lesh, Harold Lesh and one sister Helen Decker. Ray spent the majority of his life worshipping, learning, working and farming within one mile of his birthplace. Funeral services will be held at 3 P.M. on Friday, February 18, 2022, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at St. Paul

Cemetery in Bluffton with military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard.

Visitation will be held from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. on Friday, prior to the funeral service. Memorials may be made in Ray's memory to the Norwell Athletic Department.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Cemetery

1621 W. 300 N.
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ray G. Lesh*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I will long remember Ray's extraordinary service to Rockcreek School, where I attended my first six grades. He maintained the old boiler in the basement in tip-top shape and always kept the school impeccably clean. Above all, he was a kind and wonderful role model to everyone. He was a good friend of my father, Herman, and they shared many good farm and basketball tales. My sincere condolences to the Lesh family. A life well lived!*

Mark Drabenstott - March 11, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *He and Roberta would always come to Corner Depot for lunch. I enjoyed talking to both of them. Hugs for all. Condolences and prayers for family and friends.*

Linda Bradley - March 11, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Jeff Espich lit a candle in memory of Ray G. Lesh*



Jeff Espich - March 11, 2022 at 09:29 AM

ME

“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Ray G. Lesh by Mark and Virginia Estes.*

Linda and Bill, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark and Virginia Estes - March 11, 2022 at 09:29 AM

CH

“ *Dear Dave, Linda, Bruce, Kent and family, What a kind and caring father and mother the Lord blessed you with! I have so many fond memories of both of your parents at school and at St Paul Lutheran Church. May God bless your family as you mourn the loss of your "Ray". Hugs and Love to you all, Christine (Huntman) and Dan Hunt*



Christine and Dan Hunt - March 11, 2022 at 09:28 AM

MH

“ *We want to pass on our deepest sympathy to the Lesh family, this will be a hard one to miss being on vacation. Ray, impacted so many who walked the halls at Rockcreek. His grin, pushing to keep those floors clean, staying up all night keeping that old school warm for us all and he never complained. Always rights there at St. Paul's Church, I know the Harris family always thought a lot of him!*

Mark & Susan Harris - March 11, 2022 at 09:28 AM

KB

“ *Sorry to hear about Ray passing. Many good memories of him at Rockcreek and enjoyed seeing him at the Corner Depot from time to time. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kristine Bushee - February 14, 2022 at 07:00 PM

LC

“ Ray was such a good neighbor when we were growing up on 303. Wonderful man to all of us who attended Rockcreek and St. Paul church. Such good memories of a kind, gracious and friendly man.

Linda (Arnold) Carnes - February 13, 2022 at 11:08 PM

SY

“ Since I'm short, he seem like a giant to me. He was a friendly, gentle, kind, always a smile of a man. I always respected him and he was so proud of always making sure our schools were clean. 101, Wow, I hope he had a wonderful life after I graduated and moved on in my life.



Sherry Yeary - February 13, 2022 at 11:06 PM

LS

“ AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MR. LESH'S PASSING, HE WAS THE ALL TIME FAVORITE OF EVERY KID WHO WENT TO ROCKCREEK. THOUGHT AND PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY AND PLEASE KNOW HE WAS LOVED BY US ALL!

LYNDA Scott(FRY) - February 13, 2022 at 09:12 PM

AH

“ Sincere condolences to the family, I remember Ray from my time at Rockcreek, many years ago, he was so kind to all the kids. Good memories ❤️😭

Anita Larmore Hanna - February 13, 2022 at 07:19 PM