



Robert (Bob) E. Worman

January 28, 1921 - January 1, 2011

Robert (Bob) E. Worman, age 89, passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2011 at Bortz Health Care in Traverse City, Michigan.

Robert was born on January 28, 1921 in Bluffton, Indiana to Lloyd and Olive (French) Worman.

He attended Bluffton High School until his family moved to Nottingham Township in southern Wells County, where he graduated from Petroleum High School in 1940.

Robert married Wilma A. King on Sept. 25, 1943 at the First Reform Church parsonage in Bluffton by Rev. Matthew Worthman. The couple celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in 2010.

Robert enlisted in the Naval Air Corp but was injured in an accident before serving and received a medical discharge. He spent the war years working as a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He worked for the Bluffton Grocery and transferred with the business to Fort Wayne when it became SuperValu Food Marketing Corp. Robert retired from the warehouse in 1982 after almost 40 years.

Robert was also a part-time farmer for many years. After retirement, he planted three-acres of the farm in pine trees and opened Worman's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm on CR 200E. For 15 years he enjoyed welcoming many happy families who came during the holiday season and always filled his pockets with candy canes for the children. He was a member of the Indiana Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Robert served as lay leader at Reiffsburg United Methodist Church in his early years. Later, he and his family attended the Petroleum United Methodist Church. Robert was a fan of the Chicago "Cubbies" and enjoyed traveling.

Robert is survived by his wife, Wilma, and their children Michael D. (Elaine) Worman of Industry, Illinois; Stephen L. (Joyce) Worman of Grand Island, Florida; and Debra D. (Paul) Perry of Traverse City, Michigan. Also surviving are grandchildren Christopher (Lorri) Worman, Schawn (Ashley) Worman, Joseph Worman, Kaitlyn Worman, Joshua (Kay) Perry and Justin Perry; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joanne (Worman) Miller. He was preceded in death by brothers David Worman, LeRoy Worman, Paul Worman and sister Margaret (Worman) Gregg.

Friends are invited to visit with the Worman family from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2010, at the Petroleum United Methodist Church will calling for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to the Petroleum United Methodist Church or Hospice of Michigan. Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

JAN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Maplewood Cemetery
1621 Duke University Rd
Durham, NC

Service

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert (Bob) E. Worman*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To Aunt Wilma and my cousins...Sorry to hear of Uncle Bobby's passing. I'm glad there was a picture of him on this website, it had been a few years since we had seen him. I'm glad he is Home with the Lord, all our days are numbered, and can't wait to leave this world and be with Jesus, just God's timing in my life will dictate my homecoming. We send our love and prayers from Nebraska...Stan###imported-begin##Stanley Miller###imported-end##*

January 07, 2011 at 04:19 PM



“ Dear Worman Family,
My sympathy is extended in the loss of your loved one. My father, Ralph McFarren worked with Bob for many years at Food Marketing Corporation in Fort Wayne and for those many years the "boys" shared a ride to work each day. Bob parked at our home since he lived near Petroleum and the other three all lived in Bluffton. Those guys were all like second dad's to me as they would arrive home each day and share a smile and greeting with me. Each of them would ask me how I was as I waited for dad to get out of the car and what I had been up to that day. Those great guys were Kenny Kummer, Kay Connor and of course Bob. Those men were one of a kind and we had some of the best dads that ever came out of Bluffton. They all loved their families, worked hard, and were dedicated employess of FMC. May God bless and comfort you in the days to come as you adjust to your loss. You will be in our prayers here at the Bauman house.###imported-begin##Kathy McFarren Bauman###imported-end##

January 06, 2011 at 10:14 AM



“ Your entire family are in our thoughts & prayers during this time of loss & grief. Bob always had a smile on his face as did his wife. What a pleasant couple they are. My favorite memory of Bob was when he was sitting outside the dining room while others were playing bingo. I asked if he ever won that game & his reply to the next # called was a very loud BINGO, guess he won that one. Respectfully submitted. The Garrett's###imported-begin##Mrs. Bill (Joan) & Jerry Garrett###imported-end##

January 04, 2011 at 03:13 PM



“ Mom and I want to express our sympathy on Bob's passing. Dad and Bob worked together and carpoled for years and enjoyed many good times. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.

Sue###imported-begin###Doris & Sue Kummer###imported-end##

January 04, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ Our condolences to Mrs. Worman and the family, especially the Perrys whom we know best. We were among the happy tree customers and enjoyed the couple's frequent visits and interest in the art gallery. May you find many comforts daily as the winter wanes and days brighten. Who you are is your tribute to his legacy and your gift to the rest of us!###imported-begin###Maureen and Tom Butler###imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 08:39 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We have memories of some really good peaches from their place!
Neighbors.

Jim and Pat Bloomfield###imported-begin###Pat and Jim Bloomfield###imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 07:29 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our

love and prayers are with you Aunt

Wilma and your family.

Love Buddy & Louise Stephens##imported-begin##Buddy & Louise Stephens##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 05:57 PM



“ Please accept our sympathy to all the family. May God grant him eternal rest.##imported-begin##Marilyn Guilford and Hal Osmun##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 05:30 PM



“ WE WISH YOU GREAT COMFORT IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW.MAY HIS BLESSINGS BE WITH YOU & YOURS. YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP "SPARKY" & FAMILY##imported-begin##"SPARKY" FRANK & MILDRED GARRISON &FAMILY##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 11:06 AM



“ What a wonderful and full life Bob led! We know he will forever live in your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you send Bob home to be with the Lord.##imported-begin##Cathy Jones and Cathy McCall##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 09:45 AM



“ Our Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Terry L. Worman & Family##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ I am Robert's niece. My father was Paul Worman who passed away several years ago. Our sympathy goes out to the rest of the Worman family.##imported-begin##Ramona Worman Miller and Family##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 12:10 AM



“ We are so sorry. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Worman family. We are close friends and neighbors of their son Mike and his wife Elaine in Industry, Illinois. We just lost one of our fathers in December of this year, so we know how hard it is to let someone go. May God and a lifetime of memories sustain you both.##imported-begin##Roger and Karen Icenogle##imported-end##

January 02, 2011 at 08:13 PM