



Mr. Robert Ellenberger

October 23, 1929 - January 18, 2013

Robert Ellenberger, 83, a long-time and well-known Auctioneer/Realtor in Bluffton, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Wells County, to Jesse and Mary Ellenberger. He joined the company of Ellenberger Brothers in 1949 and became a partner with his uncle, Dale Ellenberger. They enjoyed this partnership for the next 30-plus years.

He was active in the Indiana Auctioneers Association. He served as president in 1976 and continued to serve on the board for 11 years. He was awarded the Auctioneer of the Year honor in 1974.

He was appointed by Gov. Robert Orr in 1982 to serve on the Indiana Auctioneers Commission, and was reappointed in 1985 and 1988. He was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award, presented by Gov. Orr in 1991.

In 2009, Robert joined Coldwell Banker Holloway & Holloway Auction to continue working full-time selling real estate and serving as a consultant and mentor to the Holloway Auction Co..

He was president of Adams, Jay, Wells Board of Realtors in 1964, the Realtor of the Year in 1979 and 2005, and in 2011 was inducted into the UPSTAR Alliance of Realtors Hall of Fame. The award is given as a lifetime achievement award that spans Robert's career of more than 60 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne, and he is also survived by two sisters and one brother. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Calling hours are 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. A service celebrating Robert's life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Chad Ringger and Life Celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will be at the Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Arts, Commerce and Visitors Centre Maintenance Fund in care of the Wells County Foundation, the Wells County Animal Care Fund in care of the Wells County Foundation, First We Care, or to the First United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Service

JAN 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert Ellenberger*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Tom and I want to send our sympathy to the Ellenberger family. He would know me, Nancy, best by my dad, John Numbers. We shared many good times with the family during the years they had the sales in and around the Bluffton area.*

Tom and Nancy Haiflich

Tom and Nancy Haiflich - January 31, 2013 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ Dear Maryanne,
We just learned of Bob's passing through a friend that takes the Berne paper although she lives in Anderson now. I was stunned but know it seems we are loosing so many good friend from our past.



We lost Mom this past May and it has been so hard with her loss, especially for Dad. They were married 62 years.

We regret we couldn't come but please know our prayers are with you and we shall always hold close the special times we shared with you and Bob in the IAA. He was certainly a great person to represent the profession as well as this world.

May God Bless,

Judy Buckles and family

Judith A. Buckles - January 27, 2013 at 12:57 PM

MG

“ To the Ellenberger Family,
Please accept our condolences, attended a lot of his auctions & real estate listings.
an honorable man & gentleman, the world will miss him.
Ted & Betsy Gilliom

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gilliom - January 25, 2013 at 11:41 AM

SC

“ *Mary Anne, thinking of you and wanted to send our love, and tell you we will see you at the funeral tomorrow. Kathy, Clint & I will be attending. Uncle Bob was a very kind and good man! Love, Sally Ellenberger/Conwell ~ and family*



Sally Ellenberger Conwell - January 24, 2013 at 06:20 PM

RY

“ *Sorry to hear about Bob's Passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Clair and Phyllis Archer*

Regina Yagel - January 24, 2013 at 03:29 PM

KS

“ *Mary Anne,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during these times. It has been about twenty years since I last saw Bob when he handled the sale of my Uncle Walter's farm. Haven't seen you since in over fifty years when you were at the Clinic.

Your classmate, Kent Speheger



Kent L. Speheger - January 24, 2013 at 03:10 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Ellenberger.*



January 24, 2013 at 12:34 PM



“ *Esperanza Rivas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Ellenberger*



Esperanza Rivas - January 23, 2013 at 07:58 PM



Mary Anne, I am so very sorry for your loss. Bob will be missed by many but never forgotten.

Esperanza Rivas - January 23, 2013 at 08:05 PM



“ *Mary Ann--I was saddened to learn of Bob's passing. I so enjoyed getting to know and working with him when he helped handle my parents' sale. A good man. Please accept my condolences.*

*Gene Gilliom
Columbus, Ohio*

Morris Eugene Gilliom - January 23, 2013 at 10:59 AM

TS

“ I had the pleasure of working for Bob at his Fort Wayne office in Waynedale. He was a very kind & caring man. Always had kind words & a pleasant smile! May his legacy & love for auctions live on...

Tami Snyder

Tami Snyder - January 23, 2013 at 07:38 AM

JO

“ *Mary Ann*
We are sorry that we are out of town and just heard about Bob passing. We are thinking of you and remembering lots of memories of working with Bob and just as a friend. Jim recently sat in Bob's vehicle at an auction and spent a wonderful time with him. He is thankful now for that day. Bob has touched lots of lives and will be missed by many. God Bless you.

Jim and Judy Oswalt

Jim Oswalt - January 22, 2013 at 09:03 PM



“ *Jj Ryder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Ellenberger*



Jj Ryder - January 22, 2013 at 04:33 PM



Prayers to all. Sue Ryder

Jj Ryder - January 22, 2013 at 04:37 PM

HM

“ I am sorry that I cannot be present to express my condolences in person. Mary Anne, Miz Lehman called and told me that Bob had passed. That brought a lot of wonderful memories flooding back. Please know that Judy and I have you in our thoughts and prayers.
Hugh & Judy Miller
Evansville, IN

Hugh B. Miller - January 22, 2013 at 01:55 PM

HF

“ Bob was a man who always had something positive to say. No matter what occasion, he seemed to always have a smile and a soft spoken pleasant conversation. He was a fixture in Wells County Real Estate, and knew his business better than almost anyone. I had the occasion to see him in action appraising antiques and collectables while I appraised the real estate many times. I always learned something from him. I will truly miss him.
Henerietta Fraysier

Henerietta Fraysier - January 21, 2013 at 11:08 PM