



Robert E. Huvendick

July 9, 1923 - January 2, 2015

Robert E. Huvendick "Huvie" passed away at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton, IN on January 2, 2015. The son of Edna and Edwin Huvendick, Robert was born in New Haven, Missouri in 1923. During WWII Robert served as a gunners mate first class on a mine sweeper in the South Pacific. After his service, he married Carolyn Seator in Pontiac, Michigan in 1945. Huvie graduated from Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan and was employed for most of his career as a supervisor for Corning Glassworks in Albion, Michigan and in Bluffton, Indiana. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, card player and he enjoyed many summers with family and close friends at Duck Lake in Michigan. Mr. Huvendick is preceeded in death by his daughter, Sally in 1964. He is survived by his wife Carolyn of Bluffton, son Eric of Cleveland, OH; daughters - Nancy Huvendick (husband Paul Levy) of Washington, D.C.; Jean (Michael) Schramm, Montevideo, Uruguay; Greta Meyer, Noblesville, IN; Leah (Kirk) Nugent, Zionsville, IN; seven grandchildren and a brother George Huvendick of Lansing, Kansas. Friends may visit the Huvendick family at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St. Bluffton, IN on Sunday, January 4, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 PM. A tribute service will be held at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the Wells County Public Library. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends may leave online condolences at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. Huvendick*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Carolyn.....So sorry to learn of Huvie's death. Please accept my condolences. May you and your family find peace in all the memories that survive.*

Marillyn Creason, South Bend IN

Marilyn J Creason - January 24, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ *Carolyn and family, I too have the same thoughts and memories as my sister Elaine. So sorry to hear of your loss, his was a life well lived. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Joanne Hilborn Terry

Joanne Hilborn Terry - January 09, 2015 at 09:33 AM

“ THE HULOGY

A eulogy is a collection of words offered in praise of a person, their life and their legacy. Huvie gave us each and all a LOT of good material to work from.

Huvie was not a man who lived on the edge. But he was all about adventure, about FINDING THE ADVENTURE, or creating it and sharing it with those who wanted to be part of that journey . . . what ever that meant for you and giving it some context where the adventure can live for you . . . and you can in turn share it as well. There are many examples. Most of them wonderful in their simplicity.

THE ADVENTURE OF WHERE TO LIVE: You have a new job, in a new town, a newish bride and two new-ish kids (under five years old). Where do you choose to live with this fun group of people ? On the shores of Duck Lake of course. This began a chapter in Huvie's life that would span six decades

This was where it became OK to make a drive at the end of a hot work week and run headlong down the dock and jump into the cool lake . . . fully clothed. Whether it was learning to swim, water ski, putting a worm on a hook, landing a fish, learning to sail on a borrowed wooden sailfish, learning to drink, learn to sail and drink, learning it was OK to sing in the middle of the night, as long as you weren't doing it alone.

While he didn't laud his good fortune over others, his stock phrase "I wonder what the poor people are doing tonight?" was an indication that he knew how blessed and just plain damn lucky he was and how glad he was to share this good fortune with friends, co-workers and his growing family.

THE ADVENTURE OF HOW TO LIVE Within the context of our own lives, Huvie taught each of us kids to respect and value ourselves

and the contribution that we can make to the world around us. These didn't necessarily need to be a lofty contribution – he'd stress in his own homespun way, that no matter what you do, even if it's digging a ditch, do it well. Self respect and value of work.

THE ADVENTURE OF HARD WORK. and the value of the fun that comes from the fruits your labors. This is also known as "Work to Play" As he valued hard work, so he valued the time spent in the company of a countless number of good friends over the course of a lifetime.

While I didn't know it at the time . . . I grew up in the "Kool Aid" house where Mom and Dad's adult friends knew they were welcomed with a libation and laughter.

For all these things, for who we are and for who we have yet to become, we owe a debt of gratitude. This is Huvie's legacy. How fortunate we all are.

*– Eric Huvendick
In Tribute, January 3, 2015*

Eric Huvendick - January 08, 2015 at 09:33 AM

LB

What a lovely tribute to a special man. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lynn & Skip Brooks, Novelty Ohio

Lynn Brooks - January 08, 2015 at 10:20 AM

JA

So sorry to hear about your father. Your tribute to him is wonderful. I can see why he was such a special man. Thinking about you and your family. Jane Lamb

Jane - January 20, 2015 at 03:18 PM

ER

“ Growing up in Albion with both Huvie and my Dad, along with so many other great men and fathers, was such a privilege. Mom and Dad spent so much time with Carolyn and Huvie, first in Albion and then at Duck Lake and then as next door neighbors in Lake Placid, Fl. They had so many happy times and they shared some very sad times, first when Sally died and then again when Jack died. The Huvendick family has always been a special family in our lives and we are so sorry to see another member pass away. I would imagine that Huvie and Dad have a bridge match going in Heaven!! You are all in our prayers, God bless,

Elaine Hilborn Rice & Ron Rice

Elaine Hilborn Rice - January 07, 2015 at 07:48 AM

GM

Thanks for your kind thoughts.

Greta Meyer - January 08, 2015 at 08:03 AM

JT

“ Carolyn --- Larry and I are thinking of you at this sad time. Please accept our warm thoughts and memories of some years ago when we both lived in Albion. from Jean Taylor

Jean Taylor - January 06, 2015 at 12:53 PM

GM

Thanks for your kind thoughts.

Greta Meyer - January 08, 2015 at 08:04 AM

DR

“ Carolyn, We think of you both so often, and remember the good times we had in Florida. Huvie was a wonderful friend, wish we could do it all over again. He always had an entertaining thought or story. Love, Dave and Helen Ramnes

Dave and Helen Ramnes - January 04, 2015 at 03:05 PM

BG

“ Carolyn,
So sorry for the loss of your dear "Huvie". I had met him when the Bluffton Garden Club would meet at your home. It was always a joy to come to your home. My Son still has the start of a plant that I got the last time the club met at your home. You and Huvie seemed to be such an ideal couple. You and the family are in my thoughts. God Bless.
Beryl (BJ) Gray



BJ Gray - January 03, 2015 at 06:31 PM

MH

“ Words will never be enough to express our love and appreciation of Huvie. He was so kind, funny, thoughtful and friendly to my husband, my children and me. What wonderful memories we have of days at Duck Lake, of bridge games, and parties.
Blessings on all of you. Mary Jane and family

MaryJane Henry - January 03, 2015 at 05:26 PM

GR

“ My sincere sorrow for your loss. My few meetings with "Huvie" and the family are few but his sense of humor and stories of a life well lived are a memory for me. Many blessings of good times & love to you all. Gregory Ross

greg ross - January 03, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Robert E. Huvendick.*



January 02, 2015 at 03:40 PM