



Robert "Bob" W. Deihl

February 5, 1919 - December 16, 2006

Robert W. Deihl, 87, of Bluffton died at 5:55 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Craigville on Feb. 5, 1919, a son of Frank R. and Anna Marie (Cotterly) Deihl. He was a 1937 graduate of Lancaster High School. He was married on Feb. 10, 1940 in Craigville to Betty Jane (Miller) who survives.

He worked in electronics most of his adult life. From 1939 through 1952 he worked for Aircraft Industries in New York. A great deal of his career was devoted to working in a management position with the aircraft and space program. In 1981 he retired and moved back to Bluffton.

While in New York he was a member of the Massapequa Presbyterian Church where he also served as the maintenance chairman for ten years. Mr. Deihl was a member of the Bluffton Lions Club, and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Wayne, Michigan, and Scottish Rite in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1944 through 1946, and served in Okinawa where he was attached to Land Invasion Occupational Navy unit Lion-8. Since 1984 he had worked at Hiday Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Bluffton, shuttling customers and cars. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, and was a life long member of the American Legion Post #111.

He is survived by his wife Betty Jane Deihl in Bluffton, his son Michael Allen Deihl of Tulsa, Okla., and his daughter Rebecca (Raymond) Anderson of Sedona, Ariz., along with his brother Max E. Deihl of Bluffton, three

grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, with services to follow at 11 a.m., with Rev. Robert Madsen and Ted Ellis officiating. There will be a military flag presentation by American Legion Post #111 at the service. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Arrangements are by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" W. Deihl*

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