



Wayne E. Penrod

November 8, 1931 - December 14, 2023

Wayne E. Penrod, 92, of Poneto passed away on Thursday morning, December 14, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Wayne was born on November 8, 1931 in Jackson Township, Wells County to Ray E. and Helen M. (Bird) Penrod. He graduated from Jackson Center High School. Following graduation, Wayne served his country in the Korean War. He worked for International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1980. Wayne was a member of Masonic Lodge #242 in Warren, American Legion Post #111 in Bluffton, Eastern Star #48 in Bluffton and Poneto Faith Community Church. On September 7, 1953, Wayne and Patricia Ann (Safewright) were married in Clinton, South Carolina. Together they shared 58 years of marriage before her passing on January 5, 2012.

Survivors include his granddaughters, Casey (Mike) Householder of North Judson, Jessica and Erika of Florida and a grandson Logan (Anne) Gerber of Fort Wayne, along with three great-grandchildren; Emiley, Michael and Alyssa Householder. He is also survived by a brother Lester (Pat) Penrod of Carrollton, KY., a son-in-law Kevin Ivins and a daughter-in-law Stacy Penrod, both of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Patti, his daughter Lavon Ivins and his son Richard R. Penrod.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Poneto Faith Community Church with Pastor Roy Nevil officiating.

Burial will take place at Grove Cemetery in Poneto.

Memorials may be given to Poneto Faith Community Church.

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

Cemetery Details

Grove Cemetery

5136 South 100 East
Bluffton, IN 46714

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 13. 2:30 PM (ET)

Poneto Faith Community Church
36 East Walnut Street
Poneto, IN 46781

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I talked with Uncle Wayne earlier this year and was so good catching up with him. He remembered everything, much better than me! I have a lot of great memories with my cousins and Aunt Pat and Uncle Wayne especially when up to our Grandpa and Grandma Hill's house at the lake! We would swim in summer and ice skate in winter always having loads of fun. I loved them all and will miss them all!! Thank you Casey for your card letting me know, and I am so sorry of your Grandpa's passing

Janice Brown - December 29, 2023 at 01:10 PM

JB

I'm sorry I won't be able to go to the Celebration Of Life for my Uncle Wayne. I so wanted to talk with everyone, thank you again Casey

Janice Brown - January 11, 2024 at 03:33 PM

EP

*Can you please tell Casey to contact me on face book Erika Penrod 🙏
Thank you*

erika Penrod - June 19, 2024 at 01:17 AM

CS

“ WAYNE WAS A VERY NICE AND POLITE MAN. I ENJOYED OUR TALKS AND JOKING AROUND WITH EACH OTHER WHEN CAME INTO DUNWIDDIE HEATING & PLUMBING.

CHARLOTTE SAWYER - December 19, 2023 at 04:49 PM

JA

“ Wayne was a sweet man. He always had a smile on his face and would help anyone, anytime with anything and never think twice about it . He made this world a little brighter . He will be missed by his family and friends

Julie Allen - December 18, 2023 at 06:59 PM

GP

“ So sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He was a true gentleman, always friendly, kind and caring. My sympathy and prayers to his grandchildren.

Glenna Plummer - December 17, 2023 at 01:58 PM