



Ernest D. "Hig" Hillegas

June 19, 1921 - September 5, 2011

Ernest D. "Hig" Hillegas, age 90, of Huntington, died at 1:16 p.m. Monday (September 5, 2011) at Sycamore Village in Allen County.

Hig was born on June 19, 1921 in Huntington, the son of Ernest Donald and Elsie (Zent) Hillegas. On October 17, 1941, he married Catherine A. Eckert at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Huntington. She preceded him in death on October 5, 2010.

Hig retired from General Motors in Marion. He also was a contractor /masonry work for several years throughout Huntington County. In his earlier years, Hig was a race car driver for the North Eastern Indiana Racing Association at the Fort Wayne Speedway driving car #14.

Survivors include two daughters - Diana (Gary Dixon) Yarger of Clearwater, Florida and Barbara (Gary) Wechsler of Columbia City; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His parents, wife, and great-grandson - Weston Close preceded him in death.

Visitation will be 9 - 11 a.m. Thursday (September 8, 2011) at Bailey-Love Mortuary where the funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Father John Pfister will officiate. Entombment will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made to the Weston Close Scholarship Fund in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
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Tribute Wall

JE

“ My memory of " Hig" is that every time his name was mentioned it was always followed by a chuckle and and a "what a character!". I happened to meet someone from Huntington on a flight from Clearwater, Florida to Fort Wayne and in the course of the conversation she learned that my Mother was a Hillegas. "Any relation to HIG?" followed by a chuckle and as always..... "what a character!" She spoke of how beautiful Edra and Zelma were and combined with Hig they were quite the trio. Apparently..... he had a good life and the people who knew him certainly enjoyed his company.

*Jennifer Scott Ellebracht (Betty Hillegas Scott's daughter)
Largo, Florida*

Jennifer Scott Ellebracht - September 12, 2011 at 09:36 AM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God bless you all.
Janet Rice Welch

Janet Rice Welch - September 08, 2011 at 07:04 PM

NE

“ NealSnyder lit a candle in memory of Ernest
D. "Hig" Hillegas



NealSnyder - September 08, 2011 at 09:18 AM

KP

“ *Memories from the family of Junior & Gloria Shearer*

Kathy Shearer Plew - September 08, 2011 at 08:41 AM

KP

“ *Kathy Shearer Plew lit a candle in memory of Ernest D. "Hig" Hillegas*



Kathy Shearer Plew - September 08, 2011 at 08:40 AM

BR

“ *Brenda lit a candle in memory of Ernest D. "Hig" Hillegas*



Brenda - September 06, 2011 at 06:12 AM