



Frederick A. Stetzel

December 24, 1926 - November 19, 2015

Frederick A. Stetzel, age 88, of Huntington, died at 7:38 a.m. Thursday (November 19, 2015) at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 1 - 5 p.m. Sunday (November 22, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday (November 23, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Greg Comp officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County with military graveside rites performed by VFW Post #2689 of Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana.

Fred was born on December 24, 1926 in Wabash County, Indiana, the son of Benjamin Frank and Lena (Schultz) Stetzel. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. Fred married Lois Jean Holley on December 24, 1948 in Huntington. He retired in 1982 from H-K Porter in Huntington as a general foreman in maintenance after 22 years of service. He was a member of Huntington Church of the Nazarene and VFW Post #2689 of Huntington. He was also a member of Moose Lodge #837 and Legion of the Moose in Huntington.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years - Lois J. Stetzel of Huntington; two sons - Darl E. (Fabi) Stetzel of West Lafayette and Benjamin F. (Diana) Stetzel II of Roanoke; a daughter - Phyllis Capes of Huntington; a brother - Delmer (Phyllis) Stetzel of Huntington; a sister -Marilyn Templeton of Hartford City; 10 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, a son - Robert W. Stetzel, a grandson - Joel Stetzel, a great-great grandson - Mylo Benson, and three sisters - Jeanette L. Wells, Miriam Snyder, and Betty James.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

NOV **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ *To the family of Frederick Stetzel our thoughts and prayers are with you. Terry and Sue Scher*



Terry E Scher - December 01, 2015 at 06:31 PM

DH

“ *Ben so sorry for your loss.*

Dennis Haworth

Dennis Haworth - December 01, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JJ

“ For those that I do not know, I am Jodie Johnston, once Jodie Stetzel, daughter of Fredrick's son Darl Stetzel and am one of Fred's 10 grand children. Thank you for this opportunity to honor and celebrate the life of my grandfather.

My grandfather, Fredrick Allen Stetzel, was born on December 24, 1926 to Benjamin and Lena Stetzel and was one of six children. He lived a very full life that was rich with love, friendships, life experiences, adventures, memories and loss.

As a young boy he grew up during the Great Depression on a farm on Meridian Road in Huntington, Indiana. As a young man he served and defended his country as a Sailor in the United States Navy during World War II. Shortly after returning home from the war, on his 22nd birthday he married the love of his life the lovely Lois Holly and was committed to her for 66 years. As a man, he raised 4 children, loved 10 grandchildren, 24 great grand children and 5 great great grandchildren. He also loved his pets which included many dogs, cats and one monkey by the name of Tinkerbell.

I have many memories of my grandfather. The fondest is getting fifty cent pieces that he carried in his pocket waiting to be gifted to a visiting grandchild, followed by a sucker and a joke that I was too young to understand.

Many would describe my grandfather as an inventor, a collector, a man of many interests, someone that enjoyed tinkering, hard working, determined, patriotic, ornery, a jokester, a man of few words and a man with a soft side. Some referred to him as "Uncle Whimpy". My grandfather spent most of his time experimenting, fixing cars, engines and inventing things. I believe he was the sole founder and inventor of the " man cave" as evidenced by his beloved recliner and his set up which he maintained for many years in his living room.

Some would also describe Fred as a survivor of many battles. Fred survived the Great Depression, battling in World War II, his first battle with cancer, the loss of his son, Robert Stetzel, the loss of a grandchild, Joel Stetzel, and the loss of a great grand child, Milo Ball. Like these battles, Fred faced his last battle head on and that was his second battle with cancer. Without fear he went forth and was successful at gaining more time with his loved ones than he would of had if he not battled.

With that, I ask you to carry on Fred's life with these memories. I thank you for taking the time to honor my grandfather with our family and for the love and friendship you have gifted him.

With hope,

The Johnston Family

Jodie Johnston - November 23, 2015 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Dawn Nelson (Snyder) lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Stetzel*



Dawn Nelson (Snyder) - November 23, 2015 at 08:30 AM

JK

“ *From the day I moved in next door to Fred and Lois, Fred was always there to offer advice, help, and tools. I feel like he treated me as family. He will be missed!!*

Joe Kellogg - November 22, 2015 at 08:30 AM

CW

“ *Cheryl Dalrymple Warner lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Stetzel*



Cheryl Dalrymple Warner - November 21, 2015 at 06:27 PM

SK

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Shirley Kiefer - November 21, 2015 at 04:32 PM



“ *Londa Burnworth lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Stetzel*



Londa Burnworth - November 20, 2015 at 08:20 PM



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BS

“ *It's only been a day since you went to be with The Lord and I miss you already. I will always love you dad.*

Ben Stetzel - November 20, 2015 at 08:02 PM

PB

“ My favorite memory of your beloved husband and father is the evenings I had to go, by myself to check my parents house while they were out of town for an extended time. I was always a little spooked to go in alone. Fred must have sensed that, and would always come out in his yard and reassure me that everything seemed OK, but would wait until I had made my rounds. What a kind, gentle man. I feel sure, that my mom and dad were waiting to welcome such a wonderful neighbor to his new home in Heaven. Much love to you all.

Peggy Beeby Dolby- Bard - November 20, 2015 at 01:51 PM

PA

“ I had an autograph dog and your dad signed it on the butt "Wimpy". Have no idea why I remember this after all these years except I thought he was really cool. Many memories of hanging out and picking corn down the hill from Grandpa Stetzels.

Patricia A Adams - November 20, 2015 at 01:45 PM

BS

“ It's only been a day since The Lord took you home. I miss you and will always love you Daddy.

Benjamin Stetzel - November 20, 2015 at 01:36 PM