



Ivan E. Wilhelm

February 13, 1929 - November 11, 2017

Ivan E. Wilhelm, age 88, of Huntington, died at 6:05 p.m. Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Tipton Place in Huntington.

Visitation will be from 12 - 2 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017 at Central Christian Church, 500 MacGahan Street, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will immediately follow at 2 p.m. Friday at Central Christian Church with Pastor Chris Hayden officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to Central Christian Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Ivan was born on February 13, 1929 in Huntington, the son of Jessie Fordyce and Bessie (Mankin) Wilhelm. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1947 and married Thais R. Wilhelm on June 19, 1949 at Central Christian Church in Huntington; she preceded him in death on September 9, 2017. Ivan earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tulane University and a Master's degree from Ball State University. He retired in 1989 from the Huntington County Community School Corporation after years of service as a guidance counselor and math teacher. He was a lifetime member of Central Christian Church and a member of both the Huntington County Retired Teachers Association and Indiana Teacher Association. He served as Past President of

Huntington Metro Kiwanis and was actively involved with many kids' sports programs at the Huntington YMCA. In 2011, Ivan was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle. He was named a 2017 Huntington County Honors Inductee for his contribution through athletics. Ivan was a sports enthusiast for high school and college, loved singing, and enjoyed fishing and camping.

Survivors include three daughters - Leslie (Allen) Myers of Fishers, Jennifer (Ken) Koch of North Royalton, Ohio, and Lisa (Rick) Fusselman of Huntington; eight grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Wilhelm, and a sister, Virginia Allison

Cemetery Details

Mt. Etna Cemetery

5515-5583 W. 600 S.
Warren, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Christian Church
500 Macgahan St.
Huntington, IN

Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NJ

“ IVAN WAS A TRULY REMARKABLE PERSON. A GREAT TEACHER, COACH & ORGANIZER. HE WAS A CLASS SPONSOR FOR NANCY & I WAS FORTUNATE TO SERVE WITH IVAN ON THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION. RIP IVAN - YOU WILL BE MISSED.

NANCY& JERRY JUILLERAT - November 28, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ Great memories with the best math Teacher ever !

Thank You for believing in me!

Bob Weaver
Oklahoma

Bob Smoke - November 20, 2017 at 08:48 AM

MT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lisa and your family, both of your parents were great people !! A lot of good memories !! Matt and Angie Tyner

Matt and Angie Tyner - November 17, 2017 at 05:04 PM

JH

“ Ivan or "Sonny" as we knew him growing up was always the entertainment at our family get togethers at Christmas time. He loved to make up silly songs and sing to us. Was so proud of being his "little" cousin. Will greatly miss him. Janice Hanson

Janice Hanson - November 16, 2017 at 03:54 PM

EB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are the family of a great guy, Ivan Wilhelm. You have our sympathy.

Ed and Mona Beckner - November 16, 2017 at 11:21 AM

JB

“ Your Dad and Mom were both special people and we send our condolences to you Leslie, Jennifer, and Lisa and your families.

Joe and Diane Begley

Joe and Diane Begley - November 16, 2017 at 08:20 AM

KP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family of Ivan. He was my High School coach my Soph. year and was my backfield for 2 years. I really enjoyed playing for him and having him as a teacher. I will always remember him telling me once , not to many years ago, that I was a player he knew was always ready to play the game. He did not have to do any thing to get me going. I think he brought that desire out in me, and am for ever grateful. I will not only think of him as my basketball & football coach, but also as a good friend.



Sincerely, Kent Paul

Kent Paul - November 15, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ivan E. Wilhelm.*



November 15, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ivan E. Wilhelm.*



November 15, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *Deb And Colt Duhamell lit a candle in memory of Ivan E. Wilhelm*



Deb and Colt Duhamell - November 15, 2017 at 08:56 AM



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Deb and Colt Duhamell - November 15, 2017 at 08:55 AM

DG

“ Sending love and sympathy to Leslie, Jennifer and Lisa.....may all of your wonderful memories sustain you all in the days ahead. Thais and Kaiser's legacy will live on in your wonderful families.....Blessings, Dan and Cheryl

Dan and Cheryl Greene - November 14, 2017 at 05:00 PM

TW

“ Ted And Towana Winters lit a candle in memory of Ivan E. Wilhelm



Ted and Towana Winters - November 14, 2017 at 04:31 PM

TW

Such a very nice man and great neighbor <3

Ted and Towana Winters - November 14, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Wilhelm taught me driver's ed. in 1960, I think. He was a good man. Ann Winegardner McGaw

Ann McGaw - November 14, 2017 at 12:16 PM

JV

“ Jane Varney lit a candle in memory of Ivan E. Wilhelm



Jane Varney - November 13, 2017 at 09:31 PM

JV

Ivan was the most wonderful Man in the world! He was so kind and caring. We will miss him, terribly! I am glad that he and Thais are together, again. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Family. You are all "Family" to all of us. Jane Hale Varney and the Robert Hale Family.

Jane Varney - November 13, 2017 at 09:36 PM

MH

“ *He was my drivers ed teacher! Prayers for his loved ones! Monica Owens Haneline*

Monica Haneline - November 13, 2017 at 09:03 PM

TW

“ *RIP Mr Wilhelm. Thank you for being so kind to me as a youngster hanging out with Lisa. I'll never forget going camping 🏕️ with you all! I treasure those memories. Sending love and prayers to the family in this sorrowful time. Sincerely Teri Williams*

Teri Williams - November 13, 2017 at 07:05 PM

VB

“ *We wish to express our sympathy upon the loss of your dad he was a great man We know he will be missed by all but is resting peacefully now will be praying for all families*

virginia and bevan best - November 13, 2017 at 04:52 PM