



## Joseph S. Ness

May 20, 1932 - June 12, 2015

Joseph S. Ness, age 83, of Huntington, passed away at 10:29 a.m. Friday (June 12, 2015) at his home.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday (June 16, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday (June 17, 2015) at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington, Indiana, with Father Ron Rieder officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Huntington with military graveside rites performed by VFW Post #2689 of Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made as Masses to SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Joe was born on May 20, 1932 in Huntington, the son of George A. and Mary (Palmer) Ness. He graduated from Roanoke High School in 1950 and married Patricia M. Christman on February 14, 1953 in Huntington. He served in the United States Army as an M.P and thereafter earned a degree in Accounting from International Business College. Joe started his career in auctioneering in 1950 and received his real estate brokerage license in June of 1961. Joe was the founder and former owner of Joe Ness Real Estate and Auctioneer, also known as Ness Bros., which was established in 1963 in Huntington. He was a member of the State and National Auctioneers Associations, and the State and National Realtors Associations. Many members of our community remember Joe's charisma best by his witty response to the routinely asked question "How are you today"? Joe would always reply..."Well, I'm better than I was (then he would pause), but not as good as I was, before I got worse". Many generations of 4-H members might recall hearing his fast-talking auction chants throughout the fairgrounds. Joe always donated his services to many local organizations, such as the Huntington County 4-H Club and the Roanoke Fall Festival, until he retired in 2007. He was a devoted member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Huntington and often auctioneered the Fall Festival held each

year at the church.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years - Patricia M. Ness of Huntington; two sons - Kurt J. (Carolyn) Ness of Fort Wayne and Erik J. (Judy) Ness of Warsaw; three daughters - Lisa M. Ness and Jill E. Slagel, both of Huntington and Holli C. Ness of Elkhart; four brothers - Palmer Ness, Carl Ness, and Steve Ness, all of Huntington and George Ness of Clearwater, Florida; one sister - Mary Ann Ness of Huntington; 17 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. His parents precede him in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery

5025 N. Goshen Rd  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUN **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
860 Cherry St.  
Huntington, IN

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph S. Ness



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 15, 2015 at 01:34 PM

KF

“ Really sorry to hear about Joe. He was a great guy, and I always enjoyed working with and talking with him.

Karla Funk

Karla Funk - June 24, 2015 at 12:13 PM

PT

“ My sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Joe. He was main fixture in the reas estate and auction business for years. In the later years I'd see hin at Burger King and we'd visit for a while. When he was active in the business and I'd see him on the sidewalk, he always looked like he had somewhere important to go. God Bless all the family. Paul Tellef

Paul Tellef - June 21, 2015 at 02:51 PM

MT

“ Marla Trainer lit a candle in memory of Joseph S. Ness



Marla Trainer - June 16, 2015 at 08:52 PM

SA

“ We were sorry to learn of Joe's death and wish to offer our prayers and sympathy to his family. He frequently came to Mass at Victory Noll. Also, he was very generous in giving us delicious candy every Christmas. May he now rest in peace.

Sincerely,  
. Victory Noll Sisters

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Sr. Joan Arnold - June 16, 2015 at 08:29 PM

NR

“ Ness Bros. Realty purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Joseph S. Ness.



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Ness Bros. Realty - June 16, 2015 at 04:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Ness.



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June 16, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Ness.



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June 15, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Ness.



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June 15, 2015 at 06:00 PM

TS

“ Terry And Carol Schoeff lit a candle in memory of Joseph S. Ness



Terry and Carol Schoeff - June 15, 2015 at 02:59 PM

TS

Our condolences to all the family. Joe was a great man and boss. We will all miss him.

Terry and Carol Schoeff - June 15, 2015 at 03:00 PM

By

“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 15, 2015 at 01:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph S. Ness.



June 14, 2015 at 08:35 PM

LD

“ Mrs. Ness, Jill, Lisa and the rest of the family...so sorry to read of Joe's passing. He was definitely the patriarch of a very well-known and prominent Huntington family and will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him. Jill, we knew you best and are saddened for your loss. Your family has our heartfelt sympathy.



Danny and Lonna Dickey

Lonna Dickey - June 14, 2015 at 02:05 PM

TS

“ To the family of Joe Ness, I always enjoyed seeing and talking to Joe at Walmart. He always made my day a little bit better.

*Terry and Sue Scher*



**Terry Scher** - June 14, 2015 at 08:39 AM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss.



**Shirley Kiefer** - June 13, 2015 at 03:08 PM

WM

“ Wayne And Nancy McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Joseph S. Ness



**Wayne and Nancy McLaughlin** - June 13, 2015 at 11:52 AM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Joe's family...so sorry to hear of his death. Monte and Mary Jo Schenkel



**Mary Jo Schenkel** - June 13, 2015 at 08:17 AM

JF

“ June Frederick lit a candle in memory of Joseph S. Ness



**June Frederick** - June 12, 2015 at 10:56 PM