



## Joseph Eldon Zinsmeister

March 4, 1912 - July 10, 2009

Joseph "Eldon" Zinsmeister, age 97, Huntington, died at 7:12 a.m. Friday (July 10, 2009) at Norwood Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Eldon was born on March 4, 1912 in Dallas Township, Huntington County to Joseph and Blanche (Haines) Zinsmeister. He graduated from Huntington Township High School in 1928. Eldon married Dorotha P. Gilbert on June 19, 1935 in Huntington. He retired after over 37 years of farming in Warren Township. Dorotha passed away on February 9, 2003. Eldon was a member of the Central Christian Church in Huntington, and the Bippus Lion's Club.

Survivors include one son – Carl G. (Susan) Zinsmeister of Huntington; three daughters – Joan Young of McKinney, Texas, Nancy Sutton of Gibson City, Illinois, and Mary Ellen (Tony) Scheiber of Huntington; one daughter-in-law – Madalyn (Warner) Zinsmeister of Huntington; one son-in-law – Paul E. Steffen of Milford, Indiana; 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife – Dorotha P. Zinsmeister; one son – James Edward Zinsmeister; one daughter – Ethel Marie Steffen; two granddaughters – Ashley Zinsmeister and Nicole M. Scheiber; and two son-in-laws – Robert Young and Andrew J. Sutton.

Visitation will be from 2–8 p.m. Wednesday (July 15, 2009) at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday (July 16, 2009) at

Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Jeff Carrell officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to Bippus Lions Club, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

# Tribute Wall



“ Know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of our family. Sorry we weren't able to make the viewing.##imported-begin##Neil Warner##imported-end##

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July 17, 2009 at 04:10 PM



“ Dearest Nancy and family,

*Just want you to know that Skip stopped by and let me know of your Dads death. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and Prayers go out to you and all your family. Had I known sooner I would have made a call. Would love to see you and the kids again. Such a beautiful family you and Andy have.*

*We live next to the Community Building here in LaFontaine. Please feel free to stop in anytime you are back this way. or better yet Just come see us. I have two Guest bed rooms awaiting company.*

*Love and hugs to you and yours.*

*Marlin and Janet##imported-begin##Marlin and Janet (Robbins) Pattee##imported-end##*

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July 15, 2009 at 11:09 PM



“ Carl, Jill, and all. Just wanted you to know that Deb and I are thinking of you at your time of loss. The loss of a parent/grandparent is never easy, no matter what age. Ninety seven years. What a blessing. We will keep you in our prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##Mark and Deb Dimond##imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 08:18 PM



“ I wish I could be with you but that's not possible so I send prayers and love instead.  
I remember with a glad heart the many hours that we Gilbert kids shared with the Zinsmeister cousins. This really feels like the end of an era.  
Bless you all.... and happy fishing!##imported-begin##Gaye Gilbert Benson, California##imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 03:40 AM



“ What a great man he was! I remember having class parties at the Zinsmeister farm, how Eldon liked to tease the kids. He was like a big kid himself. Later in life I rented off of Eldon and Dot and got to know him as an adult (me). I know he will be missed. My heart goes out to the family at this time.  
I am in Wyoming now and can't be there but know you are all in my heart and in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Kay Leonhardt Hoch##imported-end##

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July 13, 2009 at 11:34 AM



“ My deepest sympathys go out to the Zinsmeister family. Eldon was one of a kind and loved by all. I fondly remember the fish fry that he invited Ray and i to. Also at the reunion bringing his home grown corn, nothing tasted better. He had a good long life and will be sorely missed, i have a feeling he is somewhere up there already fishing, the family are in my thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Lee Gilbert##imported-end##

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July 12, 2009 at 07:34 PM



“ I remember Eldon and Dot very well. It seems like as kids Kent, Karen and I used to go to 4-H meetings at the Zinsmeister's farm. What great memories!

*Thinking of all the Zinsmeister's.*

*Barbara Bickel Patterson*

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July 12, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ I have fond memories of spending time at Eldon's and fishing with Scott. Gpa Joe never hesitated to offer everything he had, especially a warm bed and drum full of wax worms on those cold January days of ice fishing. The Zinsmeister's company is always kind and inviting. Whenever Scott was in town most of the family tried to get over to Eldon's for a meal or two. 2009 has been unkind for many across this great nation and especially hard for the Zinsmeisters. My thoughts, prays and condolences go out to all.##imported-begin##Mike Gunnarson##imported-end##

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July 12, 2009 at 10:14 AM



“ To all of your family. Even though I haven't seen most of you for many years, you are in my thoughts. I remember fondly the years we spent together at the Clear Creek Church of the Brethren and the many programs we all participated in during our time there. The many church parties held at your home and various homes were also extra special. Eldon certainly had a long, long life. My father Cleo passed away in 1984 and my mother in 2001. I have seen Madalyn a few times over the years but, not others. My husband Charles and I live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Take care!###imported-begin##Roma Jean Swindler Bradburn##imported-end##

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July 11, 2009 at 06:24 PM