



## Loren Rife Jr.

July 3, 1935 - December 22, 2009

Loren Rife Jr., age 74, of Wabash, died at 7:55 a.m. Tuesday (December 22, 2009) at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Loren was born July 3, 1935 in Wabash to Loran Rife Sr. and Delores (Kessler) Rife. He joined the United States Air Force and served in the Korean War. Loren retired from the Air Force as a Tech Sergeant after 21 years of service. He was also the Finance Officer and Manager for American Legion #248 in Lagro for 16 years. Loren married Mary Elizabeth (Burnworth) Rife in Wabash on November 2, 1985. She preceded him in death on July 15, 2005.

Loren was a loving son, brother, father, and grandfather who loved spending time with his family. He was also a member of the V.F.W. Post #2689 in Huntington, Moose Lodge #1195 in Wabash, AmVets Post #16 of Indiana and Lagro American Legion #248.

Survivors include his mother – Delores Rife of Wabash; one son – Loren (Kathy) Rife of Lagro; four daughters – Robin Adkins of Huntington, Marcy Rife of Wabash, Becky Petrich of Mechanicsville, Virginia, and Tammy (Randy) Honaker of Piney Flats, Tennessee; three step-sons – Paul Bakehorn, Jr. of Wabash, Kirk (Dawn) Bakehorn of Urbana, Kevin (Judy) Bakehorn of Wabash; four step-daughters – Teresa (Brett) Kinder of Windfall, Carol (Jim) Clay of Granger, Diana (Jack) Hubbard of Wabash and Deanna

(Monte) Martin of Wabash; two brothers – Clyde (Jennifer) Rife of Lagro and Jay (Tina) Rife of Las Vegas, Nevada; four sisters – Janice (Harry) Pitts of Indianapolis, Patricia (Lesley) Bills of Columbia City, Markie (Chuck) Vogelmann of Springhill, Florida and Sally Miracle of Wabash; thirty-four grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren. His father, wife and brother (Nicky Dennis Rife) precede him in death.

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday (December 26, 2009) at Bailey-Love Mortuary. The funeral service will then be held at 2 p.m. Sunday (December 27, 2009) also at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Jeff Carrell officiating. Military graveside rites will be performed by the V.F.W. Post #2689 and the Lagro American Legion #248. Burial will be in the Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

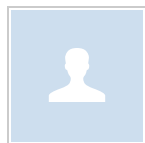
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“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Loren Rife Jr.

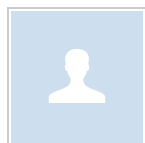


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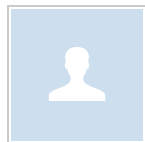
“ Loren will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Amanda And Greg Goodpaster##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 07:21 PM



“ We love Grandpa and miss you already. May God take care of you and rest in peace.##imported-begin##Tori, Adam, and Katelynn Bennett##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 12:27 PM



“ Loren and I worked very hard together to take care of the financial matters of the Lagro American Legion Post 248. From financial statements to filing of tax reports. I have many fond memories. Loren you will surely be missed. May you rest in God's peace and love.##imported-begin##Jim Keller, Keller Accounting Service##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 09:05 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of need. Like many others, loved the voice. May god be with you all.  
Laura###imported-begin###Laura Dillon###imported-end##

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December 27, 2009 at 11:35 AM



“ Your family is in my prayers. Sorry I could not attend the viewing.  
  
Popsi###imported-begin###James(Popsi)Gottschalk###imported-end##

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December 26, 2009 at 06:36 PM



“ Loren and Kathy, I am so very sorry to hear of Loren's passing. I'm sure you have alot of good memories of your Father. He taught me how to play eucher when we all use to go to the L-W. We had alot of fun. Keep all the memories of your Father close to your heart and in the days to come just remember them it will make it a little easier to deal with him being gone. Love, Susie Snyder###imported-begin###Susie Snyder###imported-end##

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December 26, 2009 at 02:08 PM



“ Robin, so sorry about your dad, I know how happy you are that he gave his life to the Lord a few weeks ago, God always has perfect timing. God Bless you and your family as you go thru these holidays without your loved one. I didn't know Loren, but am grateful for his service to our country and his community. May he rest in peace###imported-begin###michelle Freiburger###imported-end##

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December 25, 2009 at 05:15 PM



“ my deepest sympathy to the entire family. i will never forget all the good times we all had at the leigon. loren was a great boss to work for. he tried too be all gruff and grouchy, but he was a teddy bear inside. he will be truley missed by many.##imported-begin##rhonda hawkins spiller##imported-end##

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December 25, 2009 at 03:28 PM



“ Tammy, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Madre Forsha ##imported-end##

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December 24, 2009 at 11:02 AM



“ I have knowed lorne for good 25 yrs.always enjoyed visiting with him.he will be sadly missed.the family has my condolences.##imported-begin##leon stout##imported-end##

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December 24, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers will be with Loren, his family, brothers, sisters (my mother Pat Bills) and grandma Rife.. Although I have not heard Loren's voice in a few years it is one I will always remember..Strong, commanding, military voice....##imported-begin##Chuck Bills##imported-end##

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December 24, 2009 at 07:41 AM



“ *My friend & brother-in-law,  
I am going to miss you so much. I have great memories of our trips  
that I will keep with me. I know your in a better place now but I still  
wish you were here with us.  
love ya  
Jenn###imported-begin##Jennifer Rife###imported-end##*

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December 23, 2009 at 09:34 PM



“ *May God welcome you with open arms. You will be deeply missed.  
It will be an honor and a privilege to raise your Grandson in your  
likeness.*

*God rest,*

*Don###imported-begin##Don Adkins###imported-end##*

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December 23, 2009 at 07:35 PM



“ *Tammy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. If  
there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to call.###imported-  
begin##Kristen Hinchler & West Market Team###imported-end##*

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December 23, 2009 at 12:50 PM



“ *To All The Rife Family We wish to send you our condolences. Our  
prayers and thoughts are with you.###imported-begin##M Robinett &  
Jean McGinnis###imported-end##*

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December 23, 2009 at 11:53 AM



“ Tammy,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mitzi Barger Wilson##imported-end##*

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December 23, 2009 at 11:36 AM



“ We are thinking of you all in this time and praying for you##imported-begin##Rodney Bakehorn##imported-end##

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December 23, 2009 at 11:13 AM



“ I was here at Janice's spending the night when she received the phone call. My heart grieves for Janice. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I know this is hard on all of you. My heart is broken for Janice. I have loved Janice like a mother for a very long time and still do. I cannot be here for the funeral but will be thinking of each of you. May God comfort you in your mourning.##imported-begin##Darlene Pitts##imported-end##

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December 22, 2009 at 09:29 PM



“ Tammy, Wes, Chad and everyone,

*I was so saddened to hear of Loren's passing. He was one of my favorite customers when I worked at Hoosier Point. He was a super nice guy.##imported-begin##Kristy Good##imported-end##*

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December 22, 2009 at 08:42 PM



“ *Becky and Family,*

*You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please know that we love you all and that if you need anything at all please call.*

*Love,*

*Marcie, Richie, Atticus, & Trace##imported-begin##Marcie  
Morgan##imported-end##*

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December 22, 2009 at 07:27 PM