



## Merrit M. Killen

February 16, 1919 - December 19, 2016

Merrit M. Killen, age 97, of Huntington, died at 9:15 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2016 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2016 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 23, 2016 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Richard Case and Rev. Russell Buzzard officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to Pilcher's Chapel United Methodist Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Merrit was born on February 16, 1919 in Huntington, the son of J.R. and Lena (Woods) Killen. He graduated from Monument City High School and attended Purdue University for two years. He married Marguerite R. Buzzard on March 27, 1943 in Huntington; she preceded him in death on November 10, 1997. Merrit farmed for most of his life and was on the board of directors at Bippus State Bank for 30 years. He was a member of Pilcher's Chapel United Methodist Church in Huntington County. He loved auctions and farm sales, particularly buying and selling cattle, hogs, and real estate. He especially enjoyed cigars and telling good jokes.

Merrit is survived by his son - Ray Killen of Huntington; a daughter - Rita Wright of Warren; a brother - Don Killen of Huntington; two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a sister, Shirley June Pugh.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Etna Cemetery

5515-5583 W. 600 S.  
Warren, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
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## Visitation

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

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## Service

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

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# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Merrit M. Killen



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - December 21, 2016 at 10:26 PM

CM

“ Rita, Ray and Family:  
*I was so saddened to learn of your Father's death. I always remember it was such a special treat to visit at your home and play on the farm. I took it for granted at the time, but I have many beautiful memories of my time spent there with you all. I do fondly remember quite vividly your Dad and his cigars.*

*I hope your can find some comfort in his life well lived and that fond memories will sustain you in the days to come. My best wishes to you all. Cathy S. (Raker) Miller*

Cathy Miller - December 30, 2016 at 10:30 AM

SU

“ We all miss our morning chats with Merrit. He was always so fun to talk to and joke around with. We all love and miss him!  
Sending love and prayers.

-Skilled nurses and CNA's <3



Skilled Unit - December 29, 2016 at 10:21 AM

KT

“ Merrit was a great guy. Always saw him at auctions & around the neighborhood. Maybe checking out the crops or just driving around his beloved Monument City area. Memories go way back with our families. From Merrit always having gum in his pocket for my kids at church when they were little, to visits with my folks, either here in Indiana or visits in Florida. I was sorry I did not know of his passing until after the funeral. Please know the family will continue to be in our prayers. Sincerely, Glenn Fisher & Kathryn Fisher Trisler & family.

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**Kathryn Fisher Trisler** - December 26, 2016 at 01:45 PM

SF

“ Merrit was a wonderful man who lived a full and productive life. He was a dedicated family man, farmer, and life-long servant at Pilcher's Chapel UMC. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family . . . sorry for your loss. The Friedley Family -- Jay, Phyllis, Sheryl & Nan

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**Sheryl Friedley** - December 23, 2016 at 03:27 PM

MK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Melissa Killen** - December 23, 2016 at 01:07 PM

BL

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - December 23, 2016 at 08:35 AM

LF

“ *In Christ Loving arms, there is enough strength to carry you, grace to keep you strong and more than enough love to carry you through this time. We are so sorry for your loss*  
*Ivan and Thais Wilhelm*

Lisa Fusselman - December 23, 2016 at 07:20 AM

IW

“ *In Christ Loving arms, there is enough strength to carry you, grace to keep you strong and more than enough love to carry you through this time. We are so sorry for your loss.*  
*Ivan and Thais Wilhelm*

Ivan and Thais Wilhelm - December 22, 2016 at 11:27 PM

MZ

“ *Merrit was a Great Man and always made me like a friend. Always enjoyed being with you.*  
*Sincerely from my Heart.*  
*Madalyn Zinsmeister*

Madalyn A. Zinsmeister - December 22, 2016 at 10:56 AM

PJ

“ *In memory of a positive contributing force here on earth, with more insight in his one eye than most of us experience with two. A treasured story teller and man.*

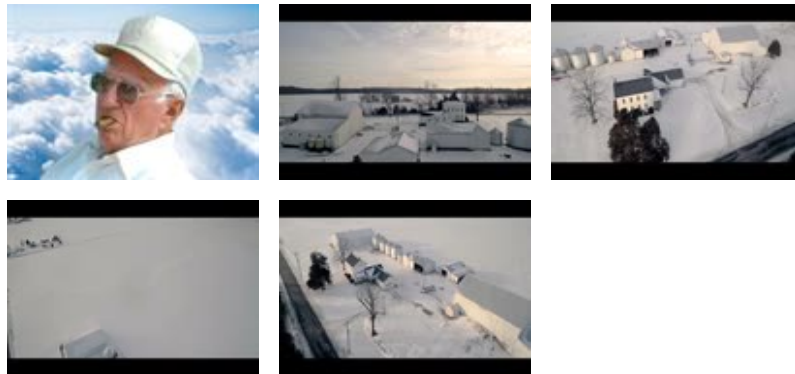
*Love,  
Patrice Jones*

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**Patrice Jones** - December 22, 2016 at 07:52 AM

BJL

“ *19 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - December 21, 2016 at 09:52 PM

MR

“ *Merrit was a great man and will be missed by so many. Rest In Peace Merrit  
Gale and Marcia Ruschhaupt*

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**Marcia & Gale Ruschhaupt** - December 20, 2016 at 08:28 PM