



Ned E. Beekman

June 7, 1928 - June 12, 2012

Ned E. Beekman, age 84, of Columbia City, died at 3:53 a.m. Tuesday (June 12, 2012) at Parkview Oaks in Columbia City, Indiana.

Ned was born on June 7, 1928 in Lancaster Township in Huntington County and is the son of Ernest and Avis (McDaniels) Beekman. He graduated in 1946 from Clear Creek High School and attended one year at Purdue University. Ned married Shirley Callahan on August 10, 1975 in Huntington. She preceded him in death on March 21, 1995.

Ned was a lifetime farmer in Clear Creek. Along with farming he worked for Erie Railroad as a fireman and an engineer and retired after 27 and a half years of service. He was the former owner of Beekman General Store in Bippus for over 10 years. Ned was a member of the Erie Railroad Engineer Union, the Eagle Lodge in Huntington, the American Legion Post #85 in Huntington, and the V.F.W. Post 5582 in Columbia City.

He is survived by two sons - Terry W. (Leann Dial) Beekman of Harrietta, Michigan, Steven N. Beekman of Vermillion, Ohio; three daughters - Gail (Michael) Baum of Warsaw, Rhonda (Greg) Kenline of Albion, and Kay (Terry) Pfister of Huntington; two step-sons - Gary Mauger of Ocala, Florida, and Mike (Melanie) Mauger of Ossian, two step-daughters - Cheryl (Chuck) Howe of Bippus and Teresa (Eric) Warpup of Huntington; one brother - Jay Beekman

of Huntington; twenty grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. His parents, wife and a sister Madonna Baade preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made out to V.F.W. Post #5582 in Columbia City, American Legion Post #85 in Huntington or Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Grandpa was one of the greatest men in my life! I will love him forever!! He and grandma were so amazing and taught us kids so much and loved us so much. I still and will always feel your love! I dream about the both of them every night and I am glad that I atleast get to see them in my dreams. I will miss you forever!!!

Christie Brown - June 15, 2012 at 09:09 AM

DG

“ Our sympathy for your family in your time of loss. We have so many great memories of Ned at the lake. Some days we were laughing so hard we were crying. Will always have those good memories. He will be greatly missed by many.

Dave and Rhonda Garner - June 15, 2012 at 07:57 AM

DC

“ Our sympathy reaches out to your family.. He was always fun to talk to at the summer reunions. He is resting in peace and suffering no pain. He lived life to the fullest. May all of you remember the good times you had with your dad. This year your family has had allot of sorrow and the Lord will be by your sides and help you heal from your loss. Don and Nonda Crocker

Don & Nonda Crocker - June 14, 2012 at 09:26 AM



“ R.I.P. Grandpa. I will miss you so much. I love you.

tyler houser - June 13, 2012 at 10:24 PM

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“ my mom was neds neighbor and the memory or i would love to share is that ned used to stand at his door and watch our kids play in his yard and he would love it. He used to tell us that he wanted someone to get use out of that yard so it misewell be our kids. He loved watching them and they loved showing off for them. He has watched most of them grow up for the last 15 years and some he watched grow from birth. They all will miss him bunches as they say its not right to play in his yard anymore even though they know he will always be watching over them.

karrie bell (haneline) - June 13, 2012 at 07:24 PM

MT

“ Thanks to Ned, I will never underestimate the power of aloe vera! He was a good man with a good heart. His passing is sad, but there is peace in knowing he is no longer suffering.

Terry, Steve, Gail, Rhonda and Kay, all of our thoughts, prayers and love are with you during this sad and difficult time of mourning.

Love, Brad, Missie and Lexie

Missie Tempest - June 13, 2012 at 12:01 PM

BR

“ Brenda lit a candle in memory of Ned E. Beekman



Brenda - June 13, 2012 at 09:06 AM

MB

“ Often times you would find Ned sitting with his neighbors, drinking coffee or Rum & Cokes and telling stories. We will really miss him at the lake. We will miss him tinkering with one of his tractors, going fishing and to garage sales. The gatherings here will just not be the same. We love you Ned, Rick & Mercy Bowling.



Mercy Bowling - June 13, 2012 at 07:58 AM

GF

“ My first memories of Ned were when I was very young. My parents, he and his wife would enjoy times playing euchre. Years passed and one day many, many years later I encounter him in a local American Legion. Even after all that time I recognized him. Three years ago when he was unable to drive to Florida by himself, I was privileged to go with him and spent the winter there. A memory I shall cherish for a long time. My sincerest sympathy to his family.

Gloria Jean Flora-Watson - June 12, 2012 at 09:18 AM