



## Neil C. Bear

February 5, 1937 - February 16, 2020

Neil C. Bear, 83, of Fort Wayne, died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Masonic graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020 in Zion Cemetery in Huntington County with Pastor Bobby Kemp officiating.

Neil was born on February 5, 1937 in Huntington County, the son of Sebastian R. "Bass" and Ruth (Dunwoody) Bear. He graduated from Roanoke High School in 1955 and worked as a truck driver at General Electric for 30 years, retiring in 1992; he was a member of the Quarter Century Club. He was a 50-year member of the Roanoke Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, and the Mizpah Shriner's Temple, having given generously to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. He was active with Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana and Washington D.C. and the Captor Rehab Program. His love of traveling led him to all 50 states and several foreign countries.

Survivors include his lifelong companion, Melvis Thompson of Fort Wayne, a daughter, Julie Hoffman of Roanoke, a close friend Chris Stephan of Huntington, three grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Carl Bear, a brother, and a sister.



# Cemetery Details

## Zion Cemetery

6276 N. Old Fort Wayne Rd.  
Huntington, IN

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

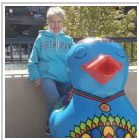
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# Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I were owners of Park Inn in Linton, IN, Neil was one of our many treasured guests. He came frequently to ice fish. He and his friend taught my son how to ice fish. He would come to the lobby and visit with our desk clerks we all loved him dearly. He will be truly missed.

Denise Beck - February 21, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Neil was a former neighbor of mine and a dear friend for many years. I introduced him to his long-time companion, Melvis Thompson. I'm dearly going to miss his wry sense of humor and great smile.

Kathy Feichter - February 21, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Neil C. Bear.



February 21, 2020 at 01:28 PM

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“ Once again Neal can bait his own hook. I was with Neal down at Shackamac when he lost his thumb. He was a good friend, a gentleman, and we both enjoyed our birthday of February 5th. My sympathy to his friend and family and I'm sure I will continue to think of him every 5th. Jim wagner

jim wagner - February 20, 2020 at 12:21 PM