



Richard W. Wagner M.D.

August 22, 1922 - September 15, 2013

Richard William Wagner, M.D., 91, formerly of Huntington, went to be with the Lord Jesus at 8:08 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on August 22, 1922 in Gary, IN to Samuel and Anna (Drotleff) Wagner, who came to the U.S. from Arbeggen, Austria-Hungary. On August 31, 1947, he married Carolyn F. Stine in Frankfort, IN and she preceded him in death on November 12, 2008.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II in North Africa and Italy from 1942-1945 with the 105th Station Hospital. He graduated from IU Medical School in 1951 and did his internship in Sacramento, CA where he was also in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He then served as a 1st Lieutenant and Flight Surgeon in the U.S. Air Force in Korea in 1953 deploying from Bergstrom Air Force Base near Austin, Texas. Upon returning from Korea, he moved to Huntington with his wife and children and opened his medical practice on Guilford Street. Dr. Wagner was a Family Practice physician in Huntington from 1953 until retiring in 1990. He considered himself a “country doctor” and enjoyed all phases of practice from delivering babies to treating the elderly. He belonged to the American Academy of Family Physicians, was a delegate to the Indiana State Medical Association and served as Chief of Staff at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

He was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Huntington. He attended Ascension Lutheran Church in Beech Grove where son Mark is the pastor, after the move to Indianapolis in May of 2008 to be closer to their children. He was known for his convertibles and enjoyed flying his Piper Tripacer, doing crossword puzzles, camping, living in the county, and being with his family.

Dr. Wagner is survived by two sons, Mark (Patrice) Wagner of Indianapolis, and Kurt (Sally) Wagner of Houston, TX; two daughters, Anna Wagner of Fishers, and Sara (Don, Jr) Kimmel of Fishers; granddaughter Emily (Aaron) Rode, granddaughter Kristina Kimmel, grandson Samuel Kimmel and great-granddaughter Madelyn Rode; one brother, Dr. Robert (Marcia) Wagner of Estero, FL; cousins Katharina Drotleff and Elizabeth Farthing; nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

In addition to his beloved wife, Carolyn, he was also preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Samuel Wagner and Albert Wagner, and his cousin John Drotleff.

Visitation in Indianapolis will be Sunday, Sept. 22 at Ascension Lutheran Church, 602 S 9th Ave, Beech Grove from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with funeral services at 3 p.m. with Reverend Mark Wagner officiating.

There will also be visitation Monday, Sept. 23 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Burial with US Army honor guard will follow in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

The family also wants to thank all of his devoted patients who have been so kind to him and Mother over the years.

Preferred memorials are to the Indiana University Medical School or Ascension Lutheran Church in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Tribute Wall

TS

“ So sorry for your loss. I had Dr. Wagner for my first born. I also went to school with his daughter Anna. May God comfort all of you at this difficult time. Tammy Ward Slagel.

Tammy Slagel - September 29, 2013 at 07:54 PM

JK

“ My sympathies for the death of your dear father and my former doc. God's peace to all the family.
Joanna (Bingham) Kline

Joanna Kline - September 25, 2013 at 10:50 AM

CP

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Wagner delivered 3 of our 4 children, retiring before the 4th was born. He was a great man. Such a down to earth man and very kind. We hope you find comfort in fond memories of him. Kevin and Cindy Prus

Cindy and Kevin Prus - September 24, 2013 at 11:05 AM

KM

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. May the love of God comfort you in the days ahead. Loved seeing him in his convertible.

The Dimonds. Kathy, Paul, David, Marcea & Mark.

Kathy (Dimond) Morris - September 24, 2013 at 08:26 AM

RB

“ We are deeply sorry for the lost of your father. I've missed him since his retirement & share so many memories of both of your parents! He delivered all my children & was not only our family doctor since I was a baby but also a good friend. Do you all remember camping at Pick-A-Spot?? We were there with you sometimes! May you find comfort during the days ahead.

Steve, Ramonda (Decker) Bickel & family

Ramonda Bickel - September 23, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JB

“ Dr. Wagner's legacy is evident in the love and devotion of his children. We send our deepest sympathies to you all. Jeannie (Boyle) and Kevin Spears

jeannie boyle-spears - September 21, 2013 at 09:17 AM

DL

“ Deeply saddened at the news of his passing. Many warm memories of being treated by him from gradeschool age on thru my young adult life. Physicians (& people in general) of his ilk & demeanor are in short supply nowadays. I feel blessed to have had him during those growing pains. My condolences to all.

Dorman Larr - September 20, 2013 at 01:06 AM

TB

“ You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your father.

Trudy Bixler



Trudy Bixler - September 18, 2013 at 10:21 AM

TM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Dr. Wagner. He was a hero among physicians as far as my family was concerned. He took each of his patients as a personal relationship. He was never hesitant to come to our home to give shots or do whatever was necessary when we were sick. On one occasion he sat up all night with my father when my mother was having a severe asthma attack. He is truly missed! Tanner Michael



Tanner Michael - September 17, 2013 at 06:44 PM

IC

“ Sorry to see this - end of an era. Sincere sympathy

Iris Clark - September 17, 2013 at 09:03 AM