



Sumner B. Sheets

December 2, 1927 - August 10, 2012

Sumner B. Sheets age 84, of Huntington County, died at 7:00 p.m. Friday (August 10, 2012) at his residence in Huntington County.

Sumner was born December 2, 1927 to Lucius and Elva (Summers) Sheets in Huntington. He graduated from Rock Creek High School in 1945. Sumner married Alice Ledman on September 17, 1948. She precedes him in death. After serving in the United States Navy he returned to Huntington County where he retired from farming in 1976.

Sumner traveled the world extensively starting in 1961 on hunting and fishing expeditions and donated his entire wildlife collection to Huntington County. He was a major donor in the construction of the Wildlife Museum and also established the museum's maintenance fund. Sumner authored the book "No Turning Back" which documents his life's adventures; Roger Metzger copyrighted this book in 2001.

He is survived by two daughters - Brenda Knepper of Roanoke and Nancy Marroquin of Aurora, IL; a sister - Cosette Sheets of Fort Wayne; a grandson - Nick Custer of Elgin, Texas and a long-term companion - Elaine Beck of Huntington. His parents and wife preceded him in death.

There will be no visitation or funeral services. A Celebration of Life service will

be held on Saturday (September 29, 2012) at 4pm at the Sheets Wildlife Museum, 200 Safari Trl Huntington, IN 46750.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wildlife Museum Maintenance Fund in Huntington in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana.

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Dear Brenda & Nancy,
Sumner was one of the most unique neighbors I got to know growing up next door. He was always full of interesting stories. He took time to explain his method of feeding the pigs by rolling down 2 rows of corn every day for them to eat. He would call me when the house door got locked, because I was nearby, and small enough to squeeze through the dog house door. And, he was good at pingpong, but didn't like it when I would beat him :)
I enjoyed putting in the electric garage door opener for him several years ago. Sumner will be missed. If you need any help with the house or farm, please let me know.
Sincerely,
Scott Lund

Scott Lund - September 03, 2012 at 01:35 PM

EL

“ Elaine lit a candle in memory of Sumner B. Sheets



Elaine - August 18, 2012 at 11:32 AM



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Nancy (Sheets) Marroquin - August 18, 2012 at 11:12 AM



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Nancy (Sheets) Marroquin - August 18, 2012 at 11:11 AM

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Nancy J (Sheets) Marroquin - August 18, 2012 at 11:10 AM

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. My name is Carolyn Land ,(I was formally a Redding . WE used to live down the road from your mom and my Mom Dorothy Redding was friends with her. You are in my prayer.

Carolyn Land (Redding) - August 13, 2012 at 06:43 AM

BC

“ I was a home care nurse for Sumner years ago from the VA, he was such a special he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are you with you.

Beth Cartwright - August 13, 2012 at 05:37 AM

JG

“ *James, Linda, Mary Lou Guy lit a candle in memory of Sumner B. Sheets*



James, Linda, Mary Lou Guy - August 12, 2012 at 01:37 PM

JG

Actually, candle is from James, Linda and Mary Lou Guy. Our deepest sympathy at this time to your entire family. May God's peace be with you.

James, Linda, Mary Lou Guy - August 12, 2012 at 01:38 PM

BR

“ *Brenda lit a candle in memory of Sumner B. Sheets*



Brenda - August 12, 2012 at 11:18 AM

HB

“ I am one of the Nurses that took care of Mr. Sheets when he was in the hospital. I grew to know him very well and listened to him often. He made us all laugh with all his wonderful hunting stories and what a privledge it was to have known him and care for him! It was always hard to get out of his room, because he loved to talk! He gave me directions to his museum and I promised him I would take my children there.

I, and many of my fellow co-workers were terribly upset when we heard of this death. We truly will never forget Sumner and know that our hearts and prayers are with you. He was such a special man, we all loved him.

Heather Bloomfield - August 12, 2012 at 12:15 AM