



## Charles "Ned" Beck

December 10, 1923 - December 13, 2017

Charles (Ned) Beck, 94, of Bloomington, Indiana (formerly of Anderson, Indiana) died at Meadowood Health Pavillion on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on December 10, 1923 in Kokomo, Indiana, the son of Norman and Mildred Beck.

Ned served for 3 ½ years in the Pacific during World War II in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Following the war, he graduated from Indiana University with a BS degree in Geography and Geology. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a MS in Geography.

He worked at Beckmam-Yoder Planning Consultants in Ft. Wayne, In. He was then Director of Long Range Planning for the city of Ft. Wayne, In. He worked in the Associate Division of Community Planning, Indiana University Bloomington, In. He retired as Director of Planning for the City of Columbus and Bartholomew County Indiana.

After retiring, he worked at Archived Architectural Archives for Bartholomew County Library, Columbus, Indiana.

He was a member of the American Institute of Planning, Indiana Community Development Society, Indiana Planning Association, and Gamma Theta Upsilon a National Professional Geography Fraternity. Ned is survived by his wife of 71 years, Phyllis (Swank), son, Michael S. Beck (Annie); of Indianapolis, In daughter, Danni L. Beck; Bloomington, In. granddaughter,

Tierney Beck; grandsons; Brenn Beck,(Amy) Griffin Beck, Tristan Johnson, (Alyse) and several nieces and nephews; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Norman, and sister Beverly Stephenson.

Ned was a caring environmentalist with a love for nature. He volunteered at St. Vincent Hospital for 12 years in Anderson,In. Ned was an avid IU sports fan and actively enjoyed golf, canoeing, bicycling and boating. He enjoyed life to the fullest and dearly loved his family and friends.

A celebration of life service with Dr. Joe Emerson will begin at 1:00 pm Saturday, December 23, 2017 at Meadowood with a time gathering until 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wildcare, Inc in Bloomington. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at [www.allencare.com](http://www.allencare.com)

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ It was a privilege to care for this great man in his final days. Our hearts go out to his wife and family. He will be sadly missed by our community.

*Leslie Miller on behalf of Meadowood staff*

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**Leslie Miller** - December 22, 2017 at 06:59 PM

BP

“ I so enjoyed working with Ned (and Phil as well) at Bartholomew County Public Library. And, of course, I knew Danni way back when she was a junior at Homestead High School. It's been a pleasure to know your family, and I'm sorry to hear about Ned's passing. Much love, Beth Booth Poor

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**Beth Booth Poor** - December 20, 2017 at 04:01 PM

WD

“ What a wonderful man to have known by the Thornberry family. Thank you, Ned for joining the family 71 years ago! Edith Thornberry (Bill), Tom, Bob and Dale Thornberry. I see your face and remember your warmth and joy! Wanda (Thornberry) Dodd

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**Wanda Dodd** - December 19, 2017 at 04:27 PM

NS

“ So many nice memories of Ned. My sincere sympathy to Phyll, Dannie, Mike and the entire family.

*Nanette Stephenson*

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**nanette stephenson** - December 18, 2017 at 08:36 PM

TW

“ Tears for your loss, smiles for the memories.  
*RIP Uncle Ned Taminie Beck wagner*

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**Taminie Wagner** - December 18, 2017 at 09:11 AM

KJ

“ *Ned was a gentle spirit. Sending love and happy memories of a life well lived.*

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**kenna jackson** - December 17, 2017 at 07:03 PM