



Dr. Charles E. Wier

May 15, 1921 - May 5, 2019

Dr. Charles E. Wier, 97, of Bloomington, passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at IU Health Bloomington Hospice House. He was born on May 15, 1921, in Jasonville, Indiana; the son of John Wesley and Ethel (Kneeland) Wier. He was raised by his Grandma, Martha Wier Buckalew, whom he cherished and thought the world of until his final day.

Dr. Wier was a renowned Geologist, serving as a Professor of Geology at Indiana University and later working for Amax International as an Exploration Geologist specializing in the economics of coal. He was the author of 66 publications with his thesis being the most requested from the I.U. Geology Library. At the age of 68, he became the Vice President of Hoosier Mining, investigating gold mining properties throughout the U.S. and Africa in Botswana and Liberia. Until age 95, he was a consultant for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Dr. Wier received his Bachelors Degree in Geology from Indiana University in 1943 while also serving with the Advanced ROTC program. Immediately upon graduation, he was sent to fight in WWII with the 11th Airborne Division as a Paratrooper. He served as 2nd Lieutenant in the Philippines and in Japan during the Occupation. He was a highly decorated soldier who was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

Following his service in WWII, Dr. Wier returned to Indiana University where he obtained a Masters in Economic Geology in 1950 followed by a Doctor of Philosophy in Economic Geology in 1955.

Dr. Wier was an active member of the American Legion for 60 years, serving locally at Post 18 in numerous positions including Commander and later as Southern Vice Commander for the Department of Indiana. He developed the American Legion Scholarship Fund and the Americanism Program for the Department of Indiana promoting an understanding of the U.S. Constitution.

He was an avid volunteer, devoting 15 years with the Indiana DNR Advisory Council, 28 years as a volunteer counselor with SHIP, along with many other charitable activities. His dedication was honored throughout his life with many medals, awards, and recognitions, including the David Dale Owens Award by the Geology Department of Indiana University, the Governors Award for Excellence in Service by Governor Mitch Daniels, the Department of Indiana Distinguished Service Award by the American Legion presented by Vice President Mike Pence, the Agape Award by the Local Council of Women and the Gordon H. Wood Award from the American Association of Professional Geologists.

Dr. Wier is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Susan Diane Bultman Fish Wier; his daughter, Catherine Louise Wier; his son, Donald Ray Wier (Celia); his step-daughter, Christy Fish Siville Brown (David), his step-son, Clint Stephen Fish (Tonya); his grandchildren, Jared Roman Wier, Chelsey Dianne Siville, Kinsey Allison Dianne Siville, Hillary Ann Fish, Eric Stephen Fish (Rebecca), and Lisa Miller; his great-grandchildren, Malina Rose Fish, Adalynn Rose Fish, and Trulane Suri Hwang; and his nephews, Jimmy Wier and Robert Wier.

He was preceded in death by his Grandma; his parents; his son, Ronald Lee

Wier; his uncle, Reuben Wier; his siblings, Raymond Wier, Clarence Wier, Louise Gurley, and Thelma Haskell; his ex-wives Nellie Stancombe and Jean Wier; and his niece, Betty McDowell.

Family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington and again from 10:00 a.m. until the time of funeral services at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Rev. Alan Phillips from Sherwood Oaks will officiate.

Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens with full Military Honors. The family will host a Celebration of Life immediately following burial at the American Legion, Post 18. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Department of Indiana Scholarship Fund.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Dr. Wier's family at www.allencares.com.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ Michele Green lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles E. Wier



Michele Green - May 14, 2019 at 11:09 AM

MS

“ Mark & Diana Smith purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Peach, Orange and White for the family of Dr. Charles E. Wier.



Mark & Diana Smith - May 13, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles E. Wier.



May 13, 2019 at 01:42 PM

BP

“ We are glad Charlie was able to join us and your family for a fun Labor Day Weekend at our lake in Floyds Knobs. He was always a kind gentleman, and we are grateful we were able to get to know him over the years. May your joyful memories together bring you peace.

Sincerely,
Beth Ann and Mike Pattison

Beth Pattison - May 11, 2019 at 04:34 PM

MH

“ Marianne and Michael Holland purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Dr. Charles E. Wier.



Marianne and Michael Holland - May 11, 2019 at 10:36 AM

NH

“ The family of Vern Snyder express our deepest condolences on the passing of Charlie. Our Dad & Charlie were great friends for many years & he would love be deeply missed. Thinking of you during your loss, Sincerly, Gary, Susan & Nancy

Nancy Host - May 10, 2019 at 11:12 PM

TF

“ The Day Family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Dr. Charles E. Wier.



The Day Family - May 10, 2019 at 11:34 AM

TO

“ Treva And Ric Olson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles E. Wier



Treva and Ric Olson - May 09, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles E. Wier.



May 09, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles E. Wier.



May 09, 2019 at 08:27 PM

7L

“ 7th District American Legion purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Dr. Charles E. Wier.



7th District American Legion - May 09, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ Charlie you sure will be missed. We loved your stories. And we learned a lot from you. You always had a smile. and talked to everyone. You are what this country should be about. Honesty, Faith, and Service. God Bless you our friend.

Debbie Einhaus - May 09, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ Sending sincere sympathy and caring thoughts with love to Susan and family. Charlie was such an amazing person. Always with a twinkle in his eye, he knew how to connect with people! Charlie lived a wonderful life, accomplishing so much! The world is certainly a better place because of Charlie Weir! Fondly, Sandra & Don Freund

Sandra Freund - May 09, 2019 at 11:29 AM