



## John Ira Ready

May 23, 1922 - April 16, 2017

John Ira Ready, 94, of Bloomington, passed away Sunday, April 16, 2017 at his residence. He was born in Deckard, Indiana, the son of Ira D. and Orpha (Hobson) Ready.

John worked as a plant manager with Packaging Corporation of America and Tuscara Plastics. His work required moving from Carlisle, Indiana to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Quincy and Streeter, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana. In 1986, he retired to Bloomington, Indiana and soon began to work with Area 10 becoming an Ombudsman. He enjoyed being an advocate for the elderly. He retired for the second time just before his 80th birthday.

John was an Elder and Sunday School teacher in Christian Churches in various places he lived. In retirement, he became a member of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church where for several years he was an Elder, Sunday School teacher and Mission's Ministry chairman.

John was an avid gardener and enjoyed giving vegetables to widows in his Sunday school class. He also loved to read books and fishing. He liked to travel and he and his wife, Pearl, made trips to Africa, Europe, Hawaii, Canada, as well as, places in the U.S.

John is survived by his wife of 73 years, Pearl Smith Ready; children, Connie Ready Sheffler (Bob), Linda K. Ready Knott (Steve) and David Ira Ready, all of Bloomington; grandchildren, Chris Sheffler Sherwood (Les) of Ellettsville and Greg S. Knott (Heather) of Bloomington; two great-grandchildren, three great-step-grandchildren, and three great-great-step-grandchildren; siblings,

Mary Ann Horton and Faye Walters of Carlisle, Indiana, and Pat Harden and Dale Ready of Princeton, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Max Ready and two sisters, Eva Knotts and Alice Hall.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday 19, 2017 at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. Entombment will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Sherwood Oaks Mission Ministry, Special Projects. 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 John's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church  
2700 E. Rogers  
Bloomington, IN 47401

## Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The love, dedication and respect Mr. and Mrs. Ready demonstrated every Sunday at church was such an inspiration! We were saddened whenever they were absent. We never met John; however, we have no doubt that he now has a place in heaven. Our deepest sympathy.  
Sandy and Paul Bender*

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**Sandy and Paul Bender** - April 27, 2017 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Dear Mrs. Ready and Family,*

*I regret our condolences in the first try on this site were cut-off before I had my thoughts completed, but please know you and your family are in our prayers especially today and tomorrow . Your husband's death is a great lose, but we rejoice with him as he rejoices with the Lord today. May you all feel God's peace and strength today and always.*

*Much love and many prayers,*

*David and Barbara Kalb*

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**Barbara Kalb** - April 18, 2017 at 04:45 PM

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“ Dear Pearl, Connie, Bob and other Family Members,

*From Ghana in West Africa, Lydia, the rest of our family and the Ghana Christian Mission Team send you condolences over the death of Mr John Ira Ready. In deed, it is a time of celebration of his life, well lived for Christ as well as sadness over missing him on earth. Please count on our prayer support during this time of saying good bye to a dearly beloved one.*

*The memory of the gentle and loving smile from John will ever remain in my mind. His example of dedication to the work of the Lord in attending missions conventions and representing Ivory Coast Christian Missions with joy and passion will inspire me for the rest of my life. He was a good role model in missionary support services. I have no doubt that the Lord of Missions has welcomed him home with the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).*

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**Enoch Nyador** - April 18, 2017 at 08:05 AM