



John W. Purcell

April 15, 1920 - September 18, 2015

John Wesley Purcell, 95, of Bloomington, passed away Friday, September 18, 2015 at IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington, IN. He was born April 15, 1920 in Hymera, IN, to William B. and Inez (Terry) Purcell. John married Kathryn E Jellison on August 11, 1940 they were married 75 years. John was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving in the Navy Seabees from 1944 to 1946. He was employed for Pete's & Purcell's Mayflower and was the warehouse manager in Bloomington, IN, most of his life.

John was a member of the Free Methodist Church in Bloomington, American Legion Post #18 in Bloomington. He was an avid Outdoorsman he loved fishing, hunting, camping, and traveling, he loved his Sunday school class and the Sunday school class parties. He loved his daughters and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife; Kathryn Purcell, of Bloomington, three daughters; Loretta (John) Head of Greenwood, IN, Dorena Rae (George) Worthington of Des Moines, IA, Jonetta (Bill) Tesh of Demotte, IN, twelve grandchildren, twenty three great grandchildren, and one great great granddaughter, two sisters; Gwen Storms, Melba Aynes, both of Bloomington, IN.

John was preceded in death by his parents, one brothers Buck Purcell, one sister Freida Pitha, one daughter Barbara Jean Stephens, and one grandson Hunter Ray Stephens.

Funeral Services will be held at 3PM Monday, September 21, 2015 at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory 4155 S. Old St Rd 37. With Pastors Les Rovenstine and Zach Martin officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30 until service time Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Allen Funeral Home. A private burial will take place later at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions can be made to Free Methodist Church in Bloomington, IN.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

RB

“Katie, I'm so sorry for your loss. John was a sweet funny man. I miss being a kid and spending nights up on Purcell hill. It broke my heart when I drove by not so long ago and saw the house was gone, It was a huge part of my childhood. I loved it when John would come over and Grandma Rene and him would trade stories and jokes and laugh at each other so hard. I will pray for you and the rest of the family for peace and comfort.

Roxane Gavin Bland - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

AN

“Dear Loretta and John and family,
to dear friends whom I love, please accept my sympathies during this time. As you remember a loving father and grandfather of an amazing family may his love for you extend beyond many years to come and keep you comforted.

*With peace,
Annie Johnson*

Annie Johnson - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

DA

“It is with sadness that I read of John's passing. You have my condolences. I worked with John when I had my first real job at Pete And Purcell's when I was 16 and each summer until I went to work at RCA. I worked with h again when I would get laid off and went on strike. John taught me so much. I admired and respected him. He was always kind to me over the years. I have no doubt he will be missed. May God be with the family and give you strength to cope with your loss. God bless you all.

David Wampler - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

AH

“ If my memory is correct, Mr & Mrs Purcell were our neighbors when we moved to Bloomington in 1952, to 936 S. Hawthorne La., and it was Mrs. Purcell who introduced my Mom, Jane, to Persimmon Pudding that Christmas. It became our preferred holiday treat for many years, until our parents passed on, and my sister and I no longer had the occasion to return to Bloomington...and were no longer able to find the coveted pulp.
My condolences and prayers are with you all, especially Mrs. Purcell, in your loss

Ann Hofstetter Delaney - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

DJ

“ Matt,
We are very sorry for the loss of your grandfather. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dallas & Janet Conder & Family

Dallas & Janet Conder - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

PA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during your loss..

Pat Gizel - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

CH

“ To Aunt Katy, Loretta, Dodie, Jonetta and all the Purcells:

My heart is heavy hearing of Uncle John's passing. I have fond memories of his jovial nature growing up as a child and participating in Purcell family events. I vividly remember one Xmas Eve on the hill when he played Santa Claus for all of us. Take solace in the fact that he joins Barbara, Mimi, Buck, his parents, and Hunter in Heaven and that he lived a long and full life. While I won't be able to be there with all of you to attend the celebration of Uncle John's life you'll all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Chris

Chris Fisher - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BE

“ *I Love this picture of Uncle Johnnie. This is how I shall always remember him. Full of laughter and with such a great smile. He brought a number of children into this world who are all such wonderful female cousins. My Aunt Katie is a wonderful woman as well. 45 years of marriage and 95 years of age. Nothing else needs to be said. All my Love to all the survivors of this wonderful Purcell family. God bless you all.*

Bud & Mary Ellen Fisher - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM