



## Clermont "Doc" Bitler Riggs

May 15, 1923 - January 12, 2015

Clermont Bitler "Doc" Riggs, 91, formerly of Mt. Summit, passed away January 12, 2015 at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

He was born May 15, 1923 at the Henry County Clinic and named after Dr. Clyde Clermont Bitler.

Doc attended Mt. Summit High School and worked on farms during his teenage years. He was hired by the Delco-Remy division of General Motors despite being under age. He continued his career for 41 years in Inventory Management.

He was a member of the Mt. Summit Christian Church, a 72 year member of Lodge No. 91 F&AM, a 70 year member of the Scottish Rite, and was an active member of the Shrine Club.

Survivors include his loving wife of 72 years, Mary Elizabeth (Cole) Riggs and his youngest son, Stephen Riggs, both of Greenfield; seven grandchildren, Todd Riggs and his wife, Barbara, of Ohio, Amy (Riggs) Deckard and her husband, Bob, of Georgia, Kristi (Riggs) Veal and her husband, Patrick, of Indiana, Scott Riggs and his wife, Lindsey, of Indiana, John Riggs and his wife, Cecila, of South Carolina, Sean Riggs of California, and Tara (Riggs) Boone and her husband, Johnathan, of South Carolina; two special

daughters-in-law, Pam (Buckress) Riggs of South Carolina and Kathy (Hosking) Riggs of Indiana; 14 great-grandchildren and numerous loving nieces and nephews from both the Riggs and Cole families.

Doc was preceded in death by his parents, John Howard Riggs and Florence (Davis) Riggs of New Castle; his oldest son Charles Michael "Coach" Riggs of South Carolina; two brothers, Robert Earl and Ronald Oliver Riggs of Springport; two sisters, Pyillis Anna (Riggs) Wallace and Ruth Maxine Riggs of New Castle.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Mark O'Brien officiating. There will be a Masonic Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hancock Regional Hospital, Hospice Unit. You may send a personal condolence to the family at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Doc Riggs.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Summit Cemetery

Mt. Summit Cemetery  
Prairie, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
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## Masonic Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clermont "Doc" Bitler Riggs.*



January 17, 2015 at 08:16 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clermont "Doc" Bitler Riggs.*



January 15, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ *I worked with Doc and visited with him a few times after I remarried and moved to Springport. He was a prince of a man and I'll never forget him. So sorry his family has lost him to this world.  
Rex Millspaugh and wife Katy  
Granville, TN*

**Rex Millspaugh** - January 15, 2015 at 06:51 PM



*Rex...sorry for the loss of your friend*

**Chuck Martin** - December 26, 2019 at 06:37 PM

JG

“ Dear Mary,

*I have many happy memories of you and Doc with my mom and dad, Barkley and Annabel Hall, during your time in Tavares. They always looked forward to your visits and valued your enduring friendship through the years. I am so sorry for your loss and am lifting you up to the Lord for peace and comfort during your time of sorrow.*

*With love,*

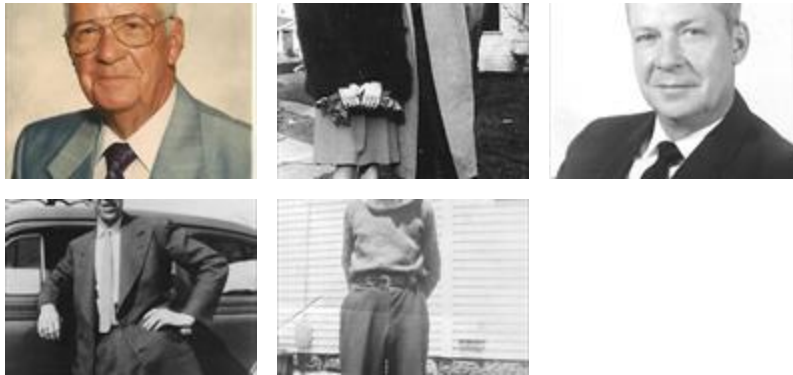
*Jeannine Hall Gurley,  
Winter Park, FL*

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**Jeannine Hall Gurley** - January 15, 2015 at 06:33 PM

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**Katrina Cole Cooper** - January 14, 2015 at 12:14 PM