



H. Lester Wendell

September 18, 1926 - January 29, 2021

H. Lester Wendell D.C., 94, of New Castle passed away peacefully on the morning of Friday, January 29, 2021 at Henry Community Health.

He was born on September 18, 1926 in Flint, Michigan, a son of the late Harry and Adelaide (Crowter) Wendell. Les was an Army veteran of WWII and served in the South Pacific.

Being hurt as a teenager he relocated to Indianapolis to pursue a childhood dream of becoming a Chiropractor. In May of 1950, Les graduated from Lincoln Chiropractic College in Indianapolis and married his beloved wife, Jane C. Roberts.

They relocated to Forestville, a small town in western New York, to set up a private practice. Les became known as "Doc" was very active in the community belonging to the Lions Club and serving as Sight Conservation Chairman. He was also in the Businessmen Association where they wrapped candy for children at Christmas, the Chautauqua County Chapter of Barbershoppers and Assistant Cub Master of the Boy Scouts of America. Les was a volunteer fireman and helped set up an emergency squad. He belonged to the United Methodist Church and for many years was head of the Sunday school program. He was proud to be a Mason and belonged for over 50 years to the Hanover Lodge #152 where he was a past Master. He enjoyed

watching sports and playing golf. He was a member of the Tri County Country Club and for many years played golf in the Wednesday Night league.

In 1991 Les retired after 40 years of Chiropractic practice. He and Jane moved to New Castle to be near family. He joined the New Castle Masonic Lodge No. 91 F&AM. His Masonic Brothers were an important part of his life and he enjoyed travelling to other lodges. Les was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir. During retirement Les continued playing golf one or two times per week, working in his yard, woodworking, playing with his cocker spaniel dog and reading. He loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will always be remembered for having "job-jobs" to do as well as ice cream cones and going for a ride or walk.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Steven (wife: Sallie) Wendell and daughter, Pamela (husband: James) Powell; 9 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Jane C. Wendell; brothers, Lawrence Wendell and Louis Wendell and a great-grandson, Matthew Lye.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. A Masonic Memorial will begin at 11:00 am followed by the funeral service with Pastor Rod Smith officiating. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 10 – 11 am prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may send a personal condolence online at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles Family and staff are honored to serve the family of Lester Wendell.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 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

PH

“ I just became aware of Les’ passing. What a kind, considerate, caring man he was. Les and Jane moved across the street from my mother after my father’s death. Les was the consummate Good Samaritan in every way. No need was too small or too big for Les. He loved “his Jane”, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren abundantly and his neighbor as himself. His life demonstrated what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Patti Campbell Hollis

Patricia Campbell Holis - August 12, 2021 at 12:31 PM

AM

“ I met Les at worship at my parents’ church, First Presbyterian Church in New Castle, and occasionally had lunch with him after worship. He was a kind and friendly man and I am glad to have had the opportunity to know him. I know he will be greatly missed by my parents and the entire congregation at First Pres. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Anthony May - February 02, 2021 at 08:08 PM

RO

Doc was a great part of Forestville. I think of him as a father of the town. I'm so sorry for your loss. And I thank God for my time with him in my life

Randall Ortel - February 08, 2021 at 03:31 PM

RD

“ I had the honor to sit in the lodge with Les... a very kind man.. had a servants heart and didn't pretend to be something or someone he wasn't. Genuine Fellow and soft spoken. He'll be dearly missed by this community. RIP Bro . Les

Ricky Davis - January 31, 2021 at 08:13 PM

CW

“ My husband Rick, a Mason, became great friends with Les. We enjoyed eating at the Iron Kettle with Les and celebrating his birthday there. He was a very kind man who missed his wife. He was very proud of his family and spoke often of them. I am sure he and Rick found each other again in Heaven and are working up there.

Cindy Willyard

Cindy Willyard - January 31, 2021 at 03:39 PM

LR

“ Love, Gary and Jo Rhodes purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of H. Lester Wendell.



Love, Gary and Jo Rhodes - January 31, 2021 at 02:59 PM

Mike Kirby

“ what can I say about les he was my father in-law in the 1970 He was the most helpful man I have ever Meet. I look up to him he was the dad I want a jack of all trades and a perfectionist. I can not say any thing bad about him except he didnt like cream filled donuts



Mike Kirby - January 31, 2021 at 11:36 AM