



Richard E. Ruetz

March 12, 1926 - March 8, 2014

Richard E. Ruetz, 87, formerly of New Castle, went home to be with his Lord on March 8, 2014 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville.

Dick was born March 12, 1926 in Michigan City, a son of the late Raymond and Hilda (Wagner) Ruetz. He was a graduate of Elston High School and on March 29, 1948 in Michigan City married the love of his life, Lou Mae Ruggles. He served on the USS Lesuth in the Pacific during WW II as an electrician's mate. His ship was harbored in Tokyo Bay at the time of the Japanese surrender to General Douglas MacArthur. He and his shipmates were able to see some of the activity by way of gun sites on the ship.

Dick was a 32 year employee of Indiana Bell which later became part of AT&T. Following retirement in 1982, he became associated with Sproles Construction Co. in New Castle as an electrician. He loved the harvest of his vegetable garden and thrived on helping those in need with his tools and talents. He was a former member of Tabor Baptist Church in Muncie.

Being a faithful follower of Jesus Christ was exemplified by his deep devotion to his family and his commitment to the spread of the gospel. He had been a long-time active member of Gideons International and a volunteer in many areas with Child Evangelism Fellowship, also a world-wide ministry.

Dick is survived by his wife of nearly 66 years, Lou Mae Ruetz of Carmel; a daughter, Deborah (husband: Norman) Cargill of Greenwood; a son, Todd (wife: Cheryl) Ruetz of Noblesville; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lee (wife: Jackie) Ruetz of Texas and Ray (wife:

Joy) Ruetz of Arizona; a sister, Virginia Rosewicz of Pennsylvania; a brother-in-law, Gene Ruggles of Michigan City and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Winifred Curb and Joan Ruggles.

Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Sproles Family Funeral Home where funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Rev.

Thomas L. Sproles and Rev. Jim Sandberg officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Central DST, Thursday, March 13, 2014 in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Michigan City, Indiana with military honors provided by a contingent from the U.S. Navy, the V.F.W. and American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, Dick would want memorial contributions to be designated for the local Henry County Gideon Camp for the purchase of Bibles to be distributed in the USA and around the world.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and aides at Prairie Lakes Health Campus who provided excellent care for Dick for nearly three years.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of our friend, Dick Ruetz.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dick will truly be missed by all of us that had the honor of knowing him. He is now at rest with his Lord. Our sympathy goes out to Lou, Deb, Todd, Norm, Cheryl, his grandchildren and all that knew Dick and loved him.*

Pat and Brenda McFadden - March 13, 2014 at 06:23 PM

SE

“ *There are no words I can say to ease your sorrow. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sheila Evison - March 13, 2014 at 12:56 PM

RR

“ *We was sorry to hear of Dick's passing. We have fond memories of Dick and Lou when they attended Whittier Lane Baptist Church. They were both very special people. Our prayers are that God will give each family member the grace to get you through this sad time. Keep your memories close, Dick may be gone but never forgotten.*
Ron and Donna Ragan

Ron Ragan - March 11, 2014 at 10:13 PM

KH

“ Dear LouMae and family,
My deepest sympathy upon the passing of Dick. I know that he is with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and enjoying all the has been prepared for him. I remember how much my folks thought of you both. I remember my dad building your home on Coolspring Ave many years ago. Also dad and Dick would go rabbit hunting together and working together at Evergreen Baptist Church on different projects. Just think, they are reunited in heaven around the Throne of God, and rejoicing and praising the Savior together. What a day that will be when we all are there to worship and praise our loving Savior together for eternity! My prayers are with you. Love in Christ....Kathy

Kathy Weatherbee Hartke - March 10, 2014 at 09:32 PM

DS

“ Our prayers and sympathy are with your family! We have good memories of the times we have spent with Dick! God Bless you all!

Donald and Sandra Scott - March 10, 2014 at 07:41 PM

DW

“ Lou My dear friend from NCCHS. I have often wondered where you were.
I am so sorry about your husband's passing, but we know that God will always be there for comfort and strength. He is am amazing God. Prayers are definitely being lifted up for you and your family.
Denise

Denise Clark Weatherly - March 10, 2014 at 02:22 PM

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“ My "Unca" was a true Gentle man. His sense of dry humor will always be with me. My fondest memories are picking strawberries and corn with him in his gardens. Every time I wash strawberries or pop popcorn on the stove, I think of him & Auntie Lou and remember the scent of their welcoming home where I spent summer time. They showed me the way to love Jesus and others with a servant heart. Dick was special to my mom, his sister who loved him dearly and is with him now, embracing their Savior and rejoicing together.

Gayle Hughes - March 09, 2014 at 08:55 PM