



Rev. Ronald W. Eichel Sr.

May 10, 1943 - May 22, 2025

Rev. Ronald W. Eichel Sr., 82, of New Castle, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Thursday, May 22, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born on May 10, 1943, in Decatur, Illinois, a son of the late William “Bill” and Justine (Hartley) Eichel.

Ron was raised by his grandparents and graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Decatur, IL. He earned a Bachelor of Theology degree from the Frankfort Pilgrim College in Frankfort, Indiana.

Known to many as R.W., he and his family were involved in evangelistic work, preaching and singing in revivals and camp meetings for many years, until 1974, when he accepted the pastorate of the Wesleyan Holiness Church in Portage, Pennsylvania. While in Portage, he founded the Wesleyan Holiness Academy. R.W. went on to pastor in New Albany, Indiana, and Marshall, Illinois, before moving to New Castle, Indiana, in 1981 to pastor the Pilgrim Holiness Church. He later pastored churches in Sayre, PA, and Cumberland, Maryland.

Reverend R.W. Eichel was a powerful and dynamic minister with a unique ability to paint a picture in the minds of the listeners. His ministry spanned

over 50 years, and he helped bring countless souls to Christ. Those closest to him said that when he prayed, God answered without fail. His relationship with God never wavered. R.W. was a very talented guitar player and enjoyed fishing, and attending car shows. He was known for having a good sense of humor, which he never lost even through difficult times. He was also a talented singer and writer, and enjoyed collecting books. He had a kind heart and continually prayed and was there for his family.

Those left to cherish Ron's memory include his children, Tony (Marcia) Eichel of New Castle, Tim Eichel (Tresa Thompson) of Marion, VA, and Tiffany Eichel of Cumberland, Maryland; five grandchildren, David Eichel, Nick Eichel, Zoey, Emelise and Caylee McDonald; a sister, Marilyn Houston of St. Augustine, FL, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by a son, Ronald W. Eichel Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor James Allen Southerland III officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the day of the service at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Ronald W. Eichel Sr.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Funeral

MAY 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Ronald W. Eichel Sr.*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - May 27, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ *Royce and Dara Cook purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Ronald W. Eichel Sr..*



Royce and Dara Cook - May 28, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ *56 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - May 27, 2025 at 08:32 PM

SK

“ I have many fond memories of the Eichels family holding revivals on the little church in Rogers OH. Always looked forward to them coming. My prayers to the family at this time of loss.

Shelah Kirk - May 27, 2025 at 01:53 PM

JW

“ Rest in Peace Uncle Ronnie
Thank you for officiating our wedding
25 years later we are still strong as ever
I'm so glad you were apart of our special day
You will be missed



Jacqueline Warden - May 26, 2025 at 06:45 AM

LE

“ I'm saddened to say that I never met R.W. But we'll catch up on the other side!! Our prayers for comfort and peace are with the family.
Tim & Lora Eichel

Lora Eichel - May 25, 2025 at 06:32 PM

SF

“ I knew the Eichel family from their time in Portage, Pa. The church flourished during his pastorate, and the Wesleyan Holiness Academy was born. I have many good memories of them. He was a dynamic minister, very well liked. When the time came for him to move on, we were all saddened. Sympathies to the family.

Sharon Fetterman Fiala - May 25, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JJ

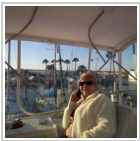
“ I was one of the first 3 graduates of WHA that year. What an amazing spiritual man Rev. Eichel was. He and Sis. Eichel made our class trip to Washington DC so fun. I "babysat" the boys and they tried to convince their friends that I was their sister. Actually Rev. Eichel and his family made me feel like I was family.

Judy (Frampton) Jackson - May 25, 2025 at 02:22 PM

JP

“ I was a student at Wesleyan Holiness Academy in Portage, PA. I loved to hear him preach. He made an impact on my life as a young person. My sympathy to his family.

James Plank - May 25, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ My brother and I shared a lot of happy memories together. He always was there for me as his little sister. I loved my brother and admired him for the endless work he did as an Evangelist most of his life. Great man of God. Wonderful Brother to me. My Prayers go out to his family and all the lives that he has tremendously touched.

Marilyn Houston - May 24, 2025 at 06:18 PM

BF

So sorry to hear about the loss of Rev. Eichel He was a wonderful preacher! He will be sadly missed. My heart goes out to his family!!
Brenda Brummert Fasnacht!!

Brenda Fasnacht - May 25, 2025 at 01:11 PM

MH

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Marilyn Houston - May 24, 2025 at 06:11 PM