



Winfield H. Jacobs

May 7, 1925 - September 14, 2016

Winfield H. "Dick" Jacobs of Ellettsville passed away on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Hearthstone Health Campus at the age of 91.

Winfield was born in Stinesville to William A. and Cora Elizabeth (Medley) Jacobs on May 7, 1925. He had one older sister, Margaret and they were soon joined by another sister, Martha, and brothers Dan and Marion. The town of Ellettsville was named for Winfield's great-great grandfather, Edward Ellett. Winfield married Anna Louise Stogsdill on March 26, 1948 and the two were married for 56 years before her passing in 2006. Together they raised three daughters, Linda Ann, Lana Kay, and Lhea Beth. Three sons-in-law, Ike Mefford, Michael Bodine, and Martin Hesler joined the family and Winfield and Louise were blessed with 7 grandchildren, 3 grandsons, and 4 granddaughters; Tony, Todd, Kristen, Carmen, Kayley, Nicholas and Natalie. He lived to meet more in-laws and 12 great-grandchildren before his passing.

He graduated from Stinesville High School in 1943 then attended the Indiana University School of Business. Winfield joined the United States Army Air Corps as a Propeller Specialist serving from 1945-1947. He then began his career with RCA retiring after 35 years of service. He was a proud Member of the Ellettsville Masonic Lodge obtaining a Master Mason Degree, serving as a Worshipful Master of the Ellettsville Lodge #245 and earned the Mason's highest honor, a 33rd degree Mason in 1984. He was a member of the

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Murat Shrine Temple, Indianapolis where he served as a Past President of Stone Belt Shrine Club in Bloomington. As President he held the first mini clinic for crippled and burned children. Winfield's giving to the community also included officiating high school and college sports for 40 years where he worked the State High School Basketball Finals 3 times and the State High School Football Finals 2 times. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2005. He served as the Director and Past President of the Monroe County Regional Sewer Board, President of the Edgewood High School Building Corporation, Chairman of the Stinesville High School Alumni Scholarship Board and Past President, President of the Richland-Bean Blossom Family Store, Inc., Director of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County Inc. Member of and first President of the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Board, former Director of The Peoples State Bank and Nippers Federal Credit Union, President of the Ellettsville Sesquicentennial and a member of the Bloomington American Legion, Burton Woolery Post #18. Winfield is survived by his daughters, Linda Ann Mefford (Ike) of Navarre, FL, Lana Kay Bodine (Mike) of Martinsville, and Lhea Beth Hesler (Marty) of Greenwood; grandchildren, Tony Mefford (Madeline), Todd Mefford (Suzanne), Carmen Walker (Clay), Kayley Armstrong (Michael), Kristen Bodine-Lovell (David), Nick Hesler (Casey), and Natalie Hesler; twelve great-grandchildren; brother, Marion Jacobs (Lucy) of Ellettsville; sister-in-law, June Jacobs of Spencer; and brother-in-law, Delbert Stogsdill of Martinsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Anna Louise Jacobs; brother, Danny Jacobs; and sisters, Margaret Hopper and Martha Guyant.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hearthstone Health Campus and Southern Care Hospice for the care extended to Winfield and his family.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at

Chandler Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Villanova officiating. Winfield is to be laid to rest next to his wife, Anna Louise at Chambersville Cemetery with military honors provided by the Monroe County Honor Guard. A Masonic Service will be held at the funeral home on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and again one hour prior to the services on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Stinesville Alumni Scholarship Fund in care of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, 101 W. Kirkwood, #321 Bloomington, IN 47404

Cemetery Details

Chambersville Cemetery

North County Line Road and State Highway
46
Spencer, IN 47460
(812) 327-1553

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel
203 E. Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429
(812) 876-6075
chandlerfh@bluemarble.net
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Masonic Service

SEP **18**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GA

“ Every time I watch a poorly officiated sporting event, I think back to the best official I ever met. I know Dick from high school basket ball games games I played and he officiated. I also admired him during my years at RCA Bloomington. What a great man. The total package.

I also have the highest admiration for Danny.

R.I.P. Brothers.

Gordon Allis

Gordon Allis - April 04, 2017 at 10:49 AM

BM

“ Dick was a friend with whom I had the honor of officiating on two occasions. He was well respected throughout Indiana.

My sympathy to you.

Sincerely,

Bill May

formerly of Richmond, now Raleigh, NC

Bill May - September 17, 2016 at 04:31 PM



Thank you!

Lhea Hesler - September 28, 2016 at 02:26 PM

SK

“ Dick was a devoted supporter of RBB.

Steve Kain - September 17, 2016 at 10:22 AM

MM

“ Mark & Karin Millis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Winfield H. Jacobs.



Mark & Karin Millis - September 16, 2016 at 09:33 PM

SN

“ So sorry for your loss. Remember growing up across the street from Dick and your mother Louise. (LeaBeth, you were my sitter and gave me toasted peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for snacks). He was such an influence to many and has definitely left a legacy. Keep those memories close.

Shannon Horst Newsom

shannon newsom - September 16, 2016 at 04:55 PM

LH

Thanks Shannon! I appreciate your kind words. I can't believe that you remember the peanut butter sandwiches! Take care.

Lhea Hesler - September 28, 2016 at 02:24 PM



Thank you for your kind words! It is nice to hear from you. I can't believe that you remember the peanut butter sandwiches! Take care!
Lhea

Lhea Hesler - September 28, 2016 at 02:30 PM

RW

“ Rick and Marcia Wepsic purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Winfield H. Jacobs.



Rick and Marcia Wepsic - September 16, 2016 at 03:04 PM

LU

“ Dear Linda, Lana and Lhea,

We're so sorry to hear about Dick's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Just so glad we got to see him several times and spend time with him last Christmas when we were at home.

We hope that your many memories will be a comfort for you all at this difficult time.

My favorite memory is from the high school ballgames, I was a cheerleader and was always so proud to say "the referee there is my Uncle Dick". When he was refereeing, it always made the game a special one for me!

We'll keep him, his humor and kind nature in our hearts forever!

Love

"Little" Lucy and Joachim

Lucy - September 16, 2016 at 04:39 AM

 Lhea Hesler

Thanks Lucy! I appreciate your kind words. Hope you and your family are doing well! Lhea

Lhea Hesler - September 28, 2016 at 02:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Winfield H. Jacobs.*



September 15, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Winfield H. Jacobs.*



September 15, 2016 at 11:41 AM



“ *My father, Virgil Ford, is also living at Hearthstone and they had their meals together often. Dick was a very kind man, always a smile. He will be missed.*

Pam Gregory - September 15, 2016 at 10:32 AM



Thank you!

Lhea Hesler - September 28, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Karen & Ben Begley*

Karen Begley - September 15, 2016 at 06:57 AM



Thank you for your thoughts!

Lhea Hesler - September 28, 2016 at 02:28 PM

JE

“ Dick was such a gentleman and a real pleasure to be around. We used to joke about the unique honor of being related on both sides of my family, the Elletts and the Franklins.

I remember him staying with us in Fort Wayne when he came up to officiate a regional finals. That probably influenced me becoming a referee as a part-time job at IU.

He was a great friend to my Grandpa Myron Howard and the times they spent together as Masons meant a lot to both of them.

Wish I could be there to give his (and my) family a big hug!

John Ellett - September 14, 2016 at 07:11 PM

LH

Thank you so much for your kind words!

Lhea - September 15, 2016 at 08:23 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Lana!

Marcia Callis - September 14, 2016 at 06:18 PM

LB

Thank you, Marcia. No matter how long you've had them , the last good-bye is always hard

Lana Jacobs Bodine - October 06, 2016 at 09:23 PM