



## Verne Alfred Petry

May 24, 1934 - December 3, 2017

Verne Alfred Petry died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at Community North Hospital on December 3, 2017 after an extended illness. He was 83.

He was born on May 24, 1934 to John T. and Verna Y. Petry in Anderson, IN. He graduated from Anderson High School in 1952, and Purdue University in 1956 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked his entire career for Delco Remy Division of General Motors, first in Anderson, and later at the Muncie Delco Battery plant, retiring in 1988.

He was class President of the AHS class of '52 and a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at Purdue. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1965, attaining the rank of Captain. He was one of the founders of Youth For Christ in Anderson, serving as a Board member, and a founder of Liberty Christian School, where he served 29 years on their Steering Committee.

He loved working on his farm southeast of Pendleton, and especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends on Lake Syracuse in Northern Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 58 yrs, Joanie A. (Lowry) Petry, his brother T. Neal Petry of Delphi, and his sister Neva Y. Arnold of Indianapolis, a son, Kurt S. (Beth) of Ellettsville, IN,

daughter Jill L. of New Richmond, WI, and son Jeff S. (Valerie) of Pendleton. Grandchildren include Joshua V. (Samantha) Petry, Nathan J. Petry, and Daniel T. Petry of Pendleton, and Tyler T. Parent and Jacob J. Parent, of New Richmond, WI.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Dec 10th, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Whetstone Christian Church, 5940 Madison Avenue, Anderson, IN 46013, with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution can be made to A Heart For Kids Inc, a local not-for-profit, faith based after school program for children, 10951 South 100 East, Pendleton, IN 46064 or Samaritan's Purse, [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) or PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Whetstone Christian Church  
5940 Madison Avenue  
Anderson, IN 46013

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *It is extremely sad news hearing of Verne’s passing. He was an extraordinary person and enhanced the lives of many, many people. For me, he provided me several experiences such as teaching me to water ski and kneeboard and providing me opportunities to sail his Hobie Cat catamaran and drive his snowmobiles. I learned about Arabian horses and farming. He introduced me to financial investing and money management which has added to my success.*

*Verne provided outstanding examples of combining hard work with well thought-out planning and intelligent decision making to accomplish goals. I believe we shared the same passion in working hard/playing hard and exploring new adventures and opportunities. A couple of special memories we shared were our Colorado River Rafting trip and our Cree River expedition. I thoroughly enjoyed his humor and the laughter we shared. In fact, I still tell some of his silly jokes.*

*I have missed Verne over the past several years and I wish all the best for his family, friends, and all those he touched.*

*Michael Burns*

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**Michael Burns** - December 11, 2017 at 10:02 AM

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“ *Bobbie lit a candle in memory of Verne Alfred Petry*



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**Bobbie** - December 07, 2017 at 06:05 AM

BO

*Love and condolences to the Petry family for the loss of a very special man. Bobbie and Doug*

**Bobbie** - December 07, 2017 at 06:08 AM

LH

“ *Love, David and Cheryl Hardacre purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Verne Alfred Petry.*



**Love, David and Cheryl Hardacre** - December 06, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verne Alfred Petry.*



December 06, 2017 at 07:08 PM

JK

“ *We will miss Verne. What a great engineer and what a great community person!  
We hope the family is sustained by the many wonderful memories.*

**Jack Keesling** - December 06, 2017 at 09:45 AM

CM

“ *Chuck and Mindy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Verne Alfred Petry.*



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**Chuck and Mindy** - December 05, 2017 at 10:26 AM