



Ralph E. VanMeter

February 18, 1915 - December 27, 2014

Ralph E. VanMeter, 99, of Bloomfield passed away Saturday December 27, 2014 at Glenburn Home in Linton.

Born February 18, 1915 in Jasonville, Indiana the son of Grover and Ollie (Howard) VanMeter.

Ralph was an Army Air Force veteran of WWII, Life member of the Bloomfield American Legion where he was past commander from 1952 to 1953, a life member of the Worthington VFW, 60 plus year member of the Solsberry Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, he belonged to the 315th Bomb Wing association and a member of the Bloomfield First Christian Church. He retired from Crane as a engineering technician.

Surviving relatives include his son, Jerry A. Beard of Bloomfield, two grandsons, Bart (Jamee) Beard of Sullivan and Brad (Julie) Beard of Bloomfield, four great grandchildren, Ashlea (Caleb) Dunkerly of Bloomfield, Bradlea Beard of Sullivan, Patrick and Justin Beard both of Bloomfield, one great great grandson, Blake Dunkerly of Bloomfield, one sister, Mary Nell Ledgerwood of Floyds Knobs, a step sister, Christine (Ron) Heiney of Sullivan and several special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vera (Jenkins) VanMeter on February 29, 2004, his brothers, Bob and Howard VanMeter, one sister, Elizabeth Combs and his parents.

Friends may call from 4 to 6 P.M. on Tuesday and 10 A.M. Wednesday until the hour of service at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rev. Arlen Pope officiating. Burial will follow at Solsberry Cemetery.

The family wishes any donations be made to the Solsberry Cemetery in Ralph's name.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." See also www.jw.org.

A. Bell - January 21, 2015 at 02:25 PM

BW

“ Jerry, Brad & Bart,
Thinking of you in your time of sorrow.

Bonita Weaver - December 31, 2014 at 10:38 AM

JE

“ It was an honor to have known Ralph and listened to him recall his memories so clearly from WWII and earlier life days. I have never met a finer and nicer Gentleman! A true American hero from the greatest generation. A final salute to you Ralph.
God Bless!

Joe Ellis - December 29, 2014 at 02:18 PM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss.what a great life he had and great legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with all. It's never easy to let go, but what memories u all have.

Jay and sherry terrell - December 27, 2014 at 06:01 PM

RT

“ *May the eternal light of our Lord's resurrection abide with Ralph and his loved ones. He will be dearly missed.*9

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - December 27, 2014 at 05:57 PM