



## Van Tennyson Wright

July 19, 1920 - November 14, 2018

Van Tennyson Wright, of Bloomfield, better known as “Ike,” passed, Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in Nashville, Indiana. He was 98 years of age.

Second of five children born to Odell and Margaret Wright, July 19, 1920, Ike spent almost his entire life as a contractor, building homes, commercial, and public buildings for over 70 years in Greene County and throughout southern Indiana.

Ike was a veteran of World War II, serving as a tail gunner on B-17s in the U.S. Army Air Force’s 8th Air Force, 100th Bomb Group, “The Bloody Hundredth.” On October 10, 1943 his bomber the “Terry ‘n’ Ten” was shot down over Munster, Germany. After parachuting to safety, he was captured and would remain a Prisoner of War until the liberation of the camp in April of 1945. Subsequent to his service he was active for many years with American Legion Post 196 in Bloomfield.

In leisure, he built replica eighteenth and nineteenth century furniture using the skills he developed with hand tools as a builder, he also spent countless hours wandering, hunting, fishing and painting the wooded hills, rivers and lakes of Indiana.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Rosemary Wright, his daughter Kay Wright-Kaiser, grandchildren Van, Heather, Joshua, Gerald, and Domonique, five great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

There will be a graveside service with military honors at the Grandview Cemetery in Bloomfield, Indiana at 11:00 am, on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of the Brown County Health and Living Community for their care.

In lieu of flowers, and in acknowledgment of his love of Indiana's natural places, donations may be made in the name of Van T. Wright to the Sycamore Land Trust, Sycamore Land Trust, PO Box 7801, Bloomington, IN 47407.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

Bloomfield, IN

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grandview Cemetery  
Bloomfield, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry for your loss. Were always here if need us. The warthans/neighbors*



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**Debbie Warthan** - November 19, 2018 at 10:38 PM

RA

“ *I am so sorry I did not find out about Ike's passing until after the service or I would have been there.*

*Ike was a very important person in my life and I looked up to him. He filled some very important gaps for me. I count myself lucky to have known him.*

*To me he lived respected and died regretted. It is hard to write when you are holding back tears.*

*God be with all of you now and in the days to come.*

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**Roger Axe** - November 17, 2018 at 10:06 AM

KK

*Roger, I am so sorry you did not know...thank you for your kind words and thoughts. He mentioned you many times through the years. Hugs to you...Kay*

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**Kay Wright Kaiser** - November 17, 2018 at 11:20 PM

BS

“ 98 years of life and 73 years of marriage, Kay, how nice! I ran across a newspaper clipping of your parents wedding in a scrapbook of my mother's when she passed away a few years ago. Condolences to you and yours, Brenda Baker Strange and John Strange.

Brenda Baker Strange - November 16, 2018 at 02:40 PM

KK

Thank you, Brenda and for mentioning the news clipping of Dad and Moms wedding..

Kay Wright Kaiser - November 17, 2018 at 10:22 PM

AM

“ So sorry for your loss. He will fondly be remembered.



Anna Kaye Mitchell - November 16, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Van "Ike" Wright



Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - November 16, 2018 at 08:02 AM

SP

*Oh my heart is so saddened, Ike was always so sweet to me anytime you seen him he had a smile on his face he didn't judge you by your last name or how much money you had. Heaven has definitely gained a great man. You will be greatly missed Ike and thank you for all you done for our country. Sherry Patton.*

**Sherry R Patton** - November 16, 2018 at 09:45 AM

SC

*I hate to here the passing of Ike. We always enjoyed his visits at Hoosier Insurance. He will be dearly missed. Shelly Carrico*

**Shelly Carrico** - November 16, 2018 at 10:06 AM

TF

*A special man. To know him was to love him. He'll be sorely missed. His was a life well lived.*

**Tom Franklin** - November 16, 2018 at 01:50 PM

JD

*People like Ike, and the Wright Family, are what made this country great - Godspeed!*

**John DeFrees** - November 29, 2018 at 01:10 AM