



Marvin Stevens

February 15, 1919 - December 4, 2012

Marvin Stevens, 93, of Terre Haute, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2012.

Marvin was born in Champaign County on February 15, 1919, the son of Harry and Roxie (Dibert) Stevens. He graduated from Terre Haute High School and Westville High School. He attended Moore's Business College in Urbana where he earned a degree in business. He was a very active lifetime member of the Terre Haute United Methodist Church where he held many serving positions.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 71 years, Frances (Dingledine) Stevens; four children: Neil (Karen) Stevens of Terre Haute, Gail (Steve) Murry of Lancaster, Lynn (Barbara) Stevens of Palm Harbor, FL and Jane (Brian) Lynott of Urbana; nine grandchildren: Amanda (David) Baker, Sara (Rasesh) Patel, Jeff (Christine) Murry, Michelle (Aaron) Zerkle, Matt Stevens, Jayme (Matt) Johnson, Kristin Rossi, Alison (B.J.) Curtis and Adam (Shelley) Claybaugh; 13 great-grandchildren: Andrew and Ian Baker, Rani and Kira Patel, Josh and Luke Murry, Hailey and Kaitlyn Zerkle, Nick and Emma Stevens, Lily Johnson, and Macy and Liam Curtis.

Marvin was preceded in death by a grandson, Tyler Stevens.

He worked for Dingledine Trucking Company for 11 years before accepting a position with the Northern Ohio Breeders Association in 1952. He later returned to operate Dingledine Trucking until selling it in 1986.

Marvin served on the Mad River Township Board of Education and was

instrumental in helping to establish the Graham Local School District. He served on the district's first Board of Education. He went on to serve two terms on the Champaign County Board of Education. Marvin continued in public office being elected and serving two terms as a Champaign County Commissioner from 1969-1977.

From 1977-1981, Marvin served as public relations director for District 7 Department of Highway.

Marvin has volunteered many hours in his community. He was a member of Harmony Lodge #8 and the Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton for 67 years, a member of the Antioch Shrine of Champaign County for 65 years, serving on the can committee which helped raise \$700,000, a 50-year member of the Jr. O.U.A.M., and was also a member of the Urbana Lions Club for 40 years. Marvin volunteered 33 years on the Champaign Residential Services, Inc. Board of Trustees and was the longest serving board member for the agency. Other volunteering includes serving 30 years on the Springfield District Methodist Church Location Board, 25 years on the United Way Allocation Board, eight years on the Champaign County Senior Citizens Center Board of Trustees and two terms each on the St. Marys Methodist Retirement Center Board and what was formerly called the Champaign County Welfare Services Board. He also helped to organize Champaign Transportation Services (CTS) and served on its board.

Marvin enjoyed his golf, continuing to play until last June. Above all, he was a family man, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a man of deep faith.

Family will receive friends 2-7 p.m. Friday, December 7, 2012 in Walter and Smith Funeral Home, 642 S. Main St., Urbana. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2012 in Terre Haute United Methodist Church with Pastor David Yinger officiating. Burial will be held in Terre Haute Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Marvin's memory to Terre Haute United Methodist Church, 5938 State Route 55, Urbana, OH 43078, Community

Mercy Hospice, 444 W. Harding Road, Springfield, OH 45504 or the American Cancer Society, Ohio Southwest Region, 2808 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206.

The family would like to express thanks to the caring staff of Sterling House and Community Mercy Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed to Marvin's family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Terre Haute Cemetery

State Route 55
Terre Haute, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

WALTER & STOWE FUNERAL HOME
642 S Main Street
Urbana, OH 43078
(937) 653-4227
info@walterfunerals.com
<https://www.walterfunerals.com/>

Service

DEC 8. 1:30 PM (ET)

Terre Haute UMC
5938 State Route 55
Urbana, OH

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Thinking about your family, Love and prayers.
Ron and Judy (Teach) Wilson

Ronald A. Wilson - December 07, 2012 at 02:26 PM

DW

“ Lynn (and family) - so sorry for your loss. Hope you will remember that a life well lived never ends, as it forever lives in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. May God grant you peace during these difficult times. Doug and Nancy Winton

Doug Winton - December 07, 2012 at 01:16 PM

UC

“ Urbana Champaign County Senior Center, In
lit a candle in memory of Marvin Stevens



Urbana Champaign County Senior Center, In - December 07, 2012 at 10:12 AM

UC

Your Light Still Shines Here!.....J. Arrington/Exec. Director
So proud to have known you and your loving family.

Urbana Champaign County Senior Center, In - December 07, 2012 at 10:15 AM

CI

“ Cathryn levers purchased the *With Distinction for the family of Marvin Stevens.*



Cathryn levers - December 07, 2012 at 09:12 AM

EF

“ ENERCON HR Family purchased the *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Marvin Stevens.*



ENERCON HR Family - December 06, 2012 at 01:55 PM

BK

“ *Dear Frances and all the Stevens, My prayers are with you. Marvin was an important person in my life who supported and encouraged me through the years. I admired him and his beautiful Frances in how active they were in the community - always busy. I always told Marvin that I wanted to be like him when I grew up - meaning that I wanted my retirement years to be full and meaningful like he and Frances's. I will truly miss him.*

Barbara Keller

Barbara Keller - December 06, 2012 at 11:49 AM

DD

“ *Dear Lynn and Barbara, Our prayers and condolences are with you. May you feel the Lords presence with you at this tender time. Don and Cece Dunham*

Don/Cece Dunham - December 06, 2012 at 06:11 AM

VS

“ I grew up in Thackery and Terre Haute Area, went to Terre Haute United Methodist Church for many years growing up. My parents Elinor and Kenneth Baker were very fond of Marvin and he did so much for everyone in the church and outside of the church. He was a friend to everyone, and one memory I have of him is trick or treat time at Halloween, he didn't give us candy that I remember, he would give us pennies. Back then, pennies were precious to us little kids. R.I.P Marvin Stevens, you were a terrific man. Vickie Baker Street.



Vickie Baker Street - December 05, 2012 at 10:31 AM

TB

“ The Gusts, Moslers & Bennetts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marvin Stevens.



The Gusts, Moslers & Bennetts - December 05, 2012 at 10:09 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during your time of loss. I grew up in Terre Haute and have such great memories of Mr Stevens. Such a wonderful, sweet, caring man. I always enjoyed seeing him sitting out on the porch whenever I came home for a visit. May God hold you all in his arms while you deal with your grief. Melissa Emory

Melissa Emory - December 05, 2012 at 05:01 AM