



Wilbur Pershing

(May 22, 1926 – May 22, 2019)

Evelyn Pershing

(November 12, 1924 – September 6, 2022)

Relationship to St. Andrew:

Wilbur and Evelyn attended and supported St. Andrew regularly after moving to West Lafayette in 2004.

Family:

Sons: Elwood J (Debbie) Pershing of Seminole, FL; Bruce L (Dana) Pershing of West Lafayette. .
Third son, Gary Ray is deceased.

Daughter: Brenda S. Detzner (Tim) of Lafayette, IN

Daughter in Law: Brenda Pershing Gilbert (Allen) of Prospect, KY.

Eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson

Three sisters, and three brothers.

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests:

Wilbur:

Wilbur enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. When he returned he began farming with his dad in Washington, IN. He attended Purdue University Winter Short Course

and was a pioneer in using the double crop method of planting soybeans in wheat stubble, a method still used today.

He enjoyed camping and traveling in his RV and traveled to all 50 states. He made many beautiful pieces of furniture for his family. After retiring from farming in 2002, Wilbur and Evelyn moved from Washington, IN to West Lafayette to be near family.

Evelyn:

Evelyn, 97 when she died, was born in Elnora, IN. After high school she worked a payroll Clerk at Crane Naval Base. She then attended the Beauty Academy in Indianapolis before returning to Odon where she opened her own beauty shop. She served as First Deputy to the Clerk and then First Deputy to the Recorder of Daviess County. Evelyn and Wilbur enjoyed camping and traveling in their RV, visiting all 50 states. She worked alongside her husband in farming, bookkeeping, and woodwork.

Use of Funds:

Funds received in memory of both Wilbur and Evelyn, as well as funds received in memory of their son Gary, were used for building and landscaping the ADA-compliant sidewalks installed for access to the public shelter and playground.



Obituary for Wilbur:



Wilbur Pershing(1926 - 2019)

West Lafayette - Wilbur R. Pershing died on May 22, 2019 at University Place, West Lafayette, IN. Wilbur was born May 3, 1926 to John Carl and Mabel Pershing in Washington, IN. He is a 1944 graduate of Washington High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. When he returned home Wilbur farmed with his dad. He attended Purdue University Winter Short Course. He was a pioneer in using the double crop method of planting soybeans in wheat stubble, a method still in use today. Wilbur also enjoyed working with the Soil and Water Conservation.

In 1970 Wilbur was elected Clerk of the Daviess Circuit Court. He was also elected Daviess County Recorder, serving two terms for each office. Wilbur enjoyed camping and traveling in his RV making it to all 50 states. He also enjoyed wood working making many beautiful pieces of furniture for his family.

Wilbur retired from farming in 2002.

In 2004 he moved to West Lafayette to be near family.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 70 1/2 years, Evelyn. He is survived by two sons, Elwood J. Pershing (Debbie) of Indian Shores, FL; Bruce L. Pershing (Dana) of West Lafayette, IN; Brenda Sue Detzner (Tim) of Lafayette, IN; and daughter-in-law Brenda Pershing Gilbert (Allen) of Prospect, Ky. He is survived by 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Wilbur was preceded in death by one son, Gary Ray Pershing and one great grandson, Brennan Luke Frey.

Wilbur is survived by three sisters, Dorothy Allison, Washington, IN; June Harshberger, Kingwood, WV and Helen Wiesler, Bloomington, IN. He has three brothers, Donald J. Pershing (Eleanor), Frankfort, IN; Dr. Roscoe L. Pershing (Ann), Champaign, IL and Stephen W. Pershing (Carla) Washington, IN. He has lots of nieces and nephews that he adored. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Wilbur was a life long member of Christ United Methodist Church in Washington, IN. After moving to West Lafayette, he attended St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette.

Visitation will be held from 12pm - 2pm Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Hippensteel Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin at 2pm with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating. Interment to follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Memorial gifts in honor of Wilbur can be made to Christ Church in Washington or St. Andrew Church in West Lafayette or the [charity of choice](#).

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at University Place for the excellent care and love they gave to Wilbur and their hospitality to Evelyn. Share Memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com

Obituary for Evelyn:

Evelyn Pearl Pershing (1924-2022)



Evelyn Pearl Chestnut Flinn Pershing died in West Lafayette, IN at 97 years old on September 6, 2022. Evelyn was born November 12, 1924 in Elnora, IN to Harvey Ray and Susie

Myers Chestnut. After her father's death she was raised by her stepfather Russell Flinn. Evelyn graduated from Elnora High School in 1942. Following graduation, she worked as a payroll Clerk at Crane Naval Depot Base. Next, Evelyn attended the Beauty Academy in Indianapolis. She returned to Odon where she opened her own beauty shop, Evelyn's Beauty Shoppe.

Evelyn served as First Deputy to the Clerk of Daviess Circuit Court. Also, she served as First Deputy to the Recorder of Daviess County, serving two terms for each office. Evelyn enjoyed camping and traveling in their RV, visiting all 50 states. She loved sewing, quilting, gardening, and baking cookies for her family. She worked alongside her husband in farming, bookkeeping, and woodworking. They were an amazing team in all they did.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Wilbur. She is survived by two sons, Elwood J. "Woody" Pershing (Debbie), Seminole, FL; Bruce L. Pershing (Dana), West Lafayette, IN; and a daughter, Brenda S. Detzner (Tim), Lafayette, IN; daughter-in-law Brenda Gilbert (Allen), Prospect, KY. She is survived by eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Evelyn is preceded in death by one son, Gary R. Pershing; one great-grandson, Brennen Luke Frey; and one great-great grandson, Daimon Ray Pershing.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her brother Charles Flinn and sister Barbara Dove, both of Elnora, IN. She has lots of nieces and nephews that she adored.

Visitation will be held from 10-11am, Monday, September 19, 2022 at Soller-Baker Funeral Home West, West Lafayette, IN. Funeral services will begin at 11am with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating. Interment to follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Memorial gifts in honor of Evelyn's life can be made to Christ Church, Washington, IN or St Andrew Church, West Lafayette, IN or the charity of choice.