



Charles R. Stroop, May 6, 1929 to July 23, 2003  
Leona M. Stroop, Sept; 28, 1929 to March 17, 2015

Relationship to St. Andrew: Leona and Charlie joined St. Andrew in 1968, just as the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) and Methodist Churches became the United Methodist Church. He sang in the choir, performing many solos. He served on the Board of Trustees and chaired the dartboard team for many years. Charlie and Leona were sponsors of the first group of St. Andrew youth to attend Senior High Institute at Epworth Forest. Leona worked closely with Oscar Hopkins and the committee to locate and secure the land for the new building at 4703 N. 50W. She was also instrumental in orchestrating the sale of the Meridian Street building. In 2010 Leona had the privilege of participating in a mission trip to Africa University in Zimbabwe. Charlie and Leona were active in Koininia and participated in the Disciple Bible Study program.

Family: Charlie and Leona Widmer were high school sweethearts and married in Otterbein, Indiana on May 6, 1949. They were married 54 years before he passed away in 2003.

Children: Jane (Mike) Kirkpatrick  
Julie (Mike) Goodyear

Grandchildren: Elizabeth, Katy, Charlie and David Goodyear.  
Erin (Joseph) Braun and Rachel Kirkpatrick

Leona is survived by her brother, Ernest "Bud" (Ruth Marie) Widmer and was preceded in death by a sister Maxine Fielding and her twin brother Leroy Widmer.

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests: Charlie attended Lafayette Business College and worked for Kirby Risk Supply Company for 46 years. He was a Mason and served in all the offices at the West Lafayette Lodge. An avid car collector, Charlie was a founding member and Past President of the Lafayette Historic Auto Club. After his retirement, Charlie became active in the Tippecanotes Barbershop group, forming a quartet, theBSDA Choice, whose members included Van Neie, Don List and Gene Hall. Charlie was recognized as the Tippecanotes Outstanding member in 1995.

After raising her family and supporting Charlie's career, Leona worked as a Real Estate Broker for forty years. She enjoyed helping people find the houses that were right for them. Leona enjoyed her family, her farms, and giving back to her community. Charlie and Leona were pleased to donate a house built by Lafayette's Habitat for Humanity.

Charlie was a gregarious and generous person who loved life and loved God. He cherished his times with his wife Leona and loved getting together with his children and grandchildren. He loved to sing and nothing made him happier than to brighten someone's day with a song. Leona's quick smile, her sense of fun and positive spirit influenced all those around her.

Use of Memorial Funds:

Charlies: St Andrew Memorial Fund and Lafayette Habitat for Humanity received funds. A fountain, fence, furniture and landscape plants were purchased for the St. Andrew Methodist Church Patio.

Leona: Funds will be used to support youth participants in mission trips/church camp experiences. Funds were dispersed supporting youth that were part of the 2016 Senior High Mission Trip to Centerville, OH. Funds used to support attendance costs of families and children for 2018 Summer Camps.

## **Charles R. Stroop, 74**

Charles R. Stroop, 74, of 108 Boes Court, WL, died at 5:40 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2003, in Home Hospital.



**Stroop**

and was a licensed real estate broker.

He married Leona M. Widmer on May 6, 1949. She survives.

Mr. Stroop served in the Indiana National Guard. He worked in sales at Kirby Risk Supply for 45 years, and retired in 1994 as a departmental vice president.

He was a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, Masonic Lodge 724 in West Lafayette, where he was Past Worshipful Master, and a member of Scottish Rite. He was a founding member of the Lafayette Historic Auto Club. He was also a member of the barbershop group, Tippecanotes, and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Jane Kirkpatrick (husband: Michael) of West Lafayette and Julie Goodyear (husband: Michael) of Geneva, Ill.



Patio at St. Andrew United Methodist Church

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Soller-Baker Funeral Homes, Inc. - Lafayette Chapel



Leona M. Stroop, 86, of West Lafayette, passed away at 8:11 am Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Creasy Springs Health Campus.

A life long area resident, she was born September 29, 1928, to the late John H. Widmer and Stella Hanns Widmer Stolte.

Leona graduated from Montmorenci High School in 1946, and married her high school sweetheart Charles R. Stroop on May 6, 1949. He passed away July 26, 2003.

After raising their two daughters and supporting

Charlie's career, Leona worked as a Real Estate Broker for 40 years, most recently at the Shook Agency. Leona loved helping people find the right house.

Leona enjoyed spending time with her family, loved her farms and giving back to her community. She was a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church where she was a former youth leader; and participated in a mission trip to Africa in 2010. She was a member of Sigma Alpha Sorority and a charter member of Lafayette Indiana Historic Automobile Club. She was especially pleased to donate The Stroop House to Habitat for Humanity.

Leona's quick smile, her sense of fun and positive spirit influenced all those around her.

Surviving are two daughters, Jane (Mike) Kirkpatrick of West Lafayette and Julie (Mike) Goodyear of Geneva, IL, a brother, Ernest "Bud" (Ruth Marie) Widmer of Otterbein along with six grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katy, Charlie and David Goodyear, Erin (Joseph)Braun and Rachel Kirkpatrick.

She was preceded in death by a sister Maxine Fielding and her twin brother Leroy Widmer.

Visitation will be from 4:00 until 6:00 pm on Friday, March 20, 2015 at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, 400 Twyckenham Blvd Lafayette, IN 47909. Leona's funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 21 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 4703 N. 50 W. West Lafayette, IN 47906 with Rev. Tim Burchill officiating. Burial will follow at Montmorenci Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to IU Health Arnett Hospice, the Leona Stroop Memorial Fund at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, or the [charity of your choice](#).

You may sign the guest book or leave memories at [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com)



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