



William C. Kepner

August 29, 1925 to January 24, 2007

Jean Kepner

August 5, 1928 to October 14, 2009

Relationship to St. Andrew United Methodist Church: Both were members of St. Andrew United Methodist Church and both served on the Memorials Committee. Jean also volunteered for vacation bible school and helped with dinners in the church.

Family: Bill and Jean were married October 16, 1949 in Denver, IN. Son: Jimmy (deceased), Son and daughter-in-law: Mike and Dianna, Daughter: Julie, Son and daughter-in-law Scott and Terri, Grandchildren: James and Rachel Kepner.

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests:

Bill was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who was dearly loved by his family. He enjoyed working on and maintaining the house and grounds he and Jean called Home. He was a member and volunteer at the Grissom Air Museum, Peru, IN. Bill restored antique tractors and plows and showed them at the annual Gas, Steam, and Power Show in Battle Ground. He also collected antique tools. He enjoyed planes (was a fighter pilot in the Korean War), trains (built a large model railroad at his home), woodworking and carpentry.

Jean was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother and grandmother who was dearly loved by her family. Taking care of and being with her family was her greatest joy in life. She was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Women in West Lafayette, sang in the Mount Zion choir, and helped in the nursery, as well as with dinner and special events for many years. She was also a member of the Wabash Extension Homemakers Club. Jean enjoyed working in her flower gardens, home decorating, reading, cooking and baking, taking walks, antiquing, and eating out with husband Bill and friends.

Bill and Jean purchased and delivered food for the food pantry in Lafayette. Jean also was a volunteer for the March of Dimes, collecting money in her neighborhood. Both loved traveling throughout the United States in their 5th Wheel camper trailer .

Use of Memorial Funds: Bill – In 2007 two oak trees were planted near the playground in his memory. Jean – Two flowering crabapple trees are planted on the church grounds near the road on the north side of the property and additional funds were included in the Vacation Bible School Fund.



Jeans Flowering Crabtrees



Bill's Oak Tree



Bill at Home

Journal & Courier Obituary

William Kepner, 81

January 25, 2007

William Clayton Kepner, 81, of West Lafayette, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at George Davis Manor.

Born Aug. 29, 1925, in Miami, Ind., he was the son of the late James M. and Nora Carnine Kepner.

He retired from the Air Force in 1963 as a major, having served during the Korean War.

On Oct. 16, 1949, in Denver, Ind., he married Delores Jean Sausaman. She survives.

Mr. Kepner was a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, the Military Officers Association and the American Legion in West Lafayette,

Surviving are two sons, Michael A. Kepner (wife: Dianna) of Crawfordsville and Scott W. Kepner (wife: Terri) of West Lafayette; a daughter, Julie A. Kepner of West Lafayette; and a sister, Norma Ireland of Denver, Ind.

Also surviving are 2 grandchildren, Rachel and James "J.W." Kepner. Preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Kepner.

Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with service there 3 p.m. Sunday, Pastor Tim Burchill officiating. Interment Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.



October 15, 2009

Jean Kepner, 81

Jean Kepner, 81, of West Lafayette, died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, at Cumberland Pointe Health Campus in West Lafayette.

Born Aug. 5, 1928, in Crown Point, she was the daughter of Chester and Thelma Rouch Sausaman. She was a 1946 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Mexico, Ind.

On Oct. 16, 1949, she married William C. Kepner in Denver, Ind., and he died Jan. 24, 2007.

Mrs. Kepner was a homemaker.

She was a member of the St. Andrew United Methodist Church and Mount Zion United Methodist Women in West Lafayette, and the Wabash Extension Homemakers Club. She was a volunteer for the March of Dimes, collecting money in her neighborhood.

She enjoyed working in her flower garden, home decorating, reading, and dining out with her husband and friends. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband in their travel trailer throughout the United States.

Surviving are three children, Michael Kepner (wife: Dianna) of Crawfordsville, Scott Kepner (wife: Terri) and Julie A. Kepner, both of West Lafayette.

Also surviving are 2 grandchildren, Rachel Kepner of Terre Haute and James Kepner of West Lafayette. She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Kepner, who died in 1959; and 2 brothers, Joe and Richard Sausaman. Jean was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Taking care of and being with her family was her greatest joy in life.

Services 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, Pastor Tim Burchill officiating. Interment at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 4703 N. County Road 50 West, West Lafayette, IN 47906; March of Dimes; or the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Breast Cancer. The memorial guest book for Jean may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com