

Ray Bradford Merritt March 24, 1954 to May 29, 1999

Relationship to St. Andrew: Ray was a Member of St. Andrew and had served in several capacities.

Family: Ray married Leslie Turecek on Oct. 15, 1953. They have three living children, Adam, Ashley and Emily. Two children James Tyler and Bethany Elsie preceded Ray in death.

Recognitions: Ray, a Lafayette Attorney, was a graduate of St. Joseph's College and was a Trustee and President of the Alumni Association of St. Joseph's. He was active in the Republican Party and also a Member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association.

Memorials: Contributions were placed in the General Memorial Fund and were used for sound system improvement.

## Ray B. Merritt, 45

Ray Bradford Merritt, 45, of West Lafayette, died at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 1999, in Home Hospital.

Mr. Merritt had been an attorney in Lafayette for 15 years. He also was a real estate broker.

Born March 24, 1954, in Rensselaer, he had lived in West Lafayette for the past 15 years, coming from Remington. He graduated from Tri-County High School, completed his bachelor's degree at St. Joseph's College and graduated from Valparaiso Law School.

He married Leslie T. Turecek on Oct. 15, 1983, in Mishawaka. She survives.

Mr. Merritt was a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, past president of St. Joseph's Alumni Association, a former member of the board of trustees at St. Joseph's College and a member of American Organization Pilots Association.

Also surviving are three children, Adam Merritt, Ashley Merritt and Emily Merritt, all at home, and his mother, Mary Merritt of Mulberry.

MERRITT, Ray B.

Friends may call at Hippensteel Funeral Home, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, the Rev. Tim Burchill officiating. Interment Remington Cemetery. A son, James Tyler Merritt, a daughter, Bethany Elise Merritt, and a brother, Peter Merritt, preceded in death. Those desiring memorials may contribute in memoriam to St. Andrew United Methodist Church.

## James Tyler Merritt December 20 1990 Bethany Elise Merritt July 21, 1991

Relationship to St. Andrew: These two were infant son and daughter of Ray and Leslie Merritt. The two children did not survive.

Family: Three additional children were born to Ray and Leslie. They are Adam, Ashley and Emily Merritt.

Memorials: The rocking chair in the nursery was purchased in memory of these two infants.

