



# Virgil R. Hoepfner

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## **Virgil R. Hooppner**

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### **V**iew Video Tribute

Virgil R. Hooppner, 91, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2015, at Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne with his loving family by his side. Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Hilda (Waltke) Hooppner. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn. The US Army veteran served his country in World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 377 and Howard Bandelier Jr. VFW Post 2457. He retired in 1977 from International Harvester after 30 years. He volunteered at Parkview Hospital and also the VA Hospital for almost 20 years. He was also a member of the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his children, Susan (John) Ehle of New Palestine, Robert (Nancy) Hooppner, Richard (Naomi) Hooppner, Norm (Jan) Hooppner, and Brian (Karen) Hooppner all of Woodburn; brother, Donald (Elsie) Hooppner of Woodburn; 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; and one step great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice in 1988; brother, Gerald Hooppner; grandson, Jeffrey Hooppner; and special friend, Mary Dillon.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn with calling one hour prior to the service. Pastor Tim Edwards officiating. Calling is also 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Burial in church cemetery with military honors. Preferred memorials are to the church or the Howard Bandelier Jr. VFW Post 2457.



## Tribute Wall

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CG

**Carol & Jim Goeglein** posted:

To the families of Virgil We send our deepest condolences to all of you. Virgil was a pleasant person to be around. I worked with many years at the poles. He was always joking & telling stories. He will be missed by all who knew him. Carol Jim Goeglein

July 7 at 11:01 AM

RK

**Richard And Shirley Kees** posted:

Hoepfner family Can't be with you in person, but our hearts are with you in the loss of your father and our dear friend. Thanks for notifying us, we are in Florida. We last saw him just before coming to Florida around January 7, 2015. When I hugged him as I always do when we left, he had tears in his eyes as I thought he knew it may be the last time we talked here on earth.

July 7 at 11:01 AM

MS

**Marlene Bandelier, Springer** posted:

To Virgil's family, I extend sympathy from the Bandelier family, and especially from IKE Bandelier, they have been great friends for over 70 years. Ike was not able to come to the viewing, but did get to see him last fall. I did see Virgil at Bob Evans, at that time he looked great, He always had a smile and a greeting any time that I would see him. He will be missed by many. Marlene (Bandelier) & Gene Springer. and the Bandelier family.

July 7 at 11:01 AM

CG

**Chris Gohr** posted:

As a coworker of Norm, I know how much Norm values family. That can only come from a solid family foundation. I am sure such a patriarch is sorely missed. My condolences to Norm and all of Virgil's family.

July 7 at 11:01 AM

BL

**Beverly Lake** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Virgil's family. For many years I worked at Parkview Hospital where Virgil was such a delight as a volunteer. He so enjoyed it. He often stopped in my office to say hello and chat. Sorry we are not there in person to extend our sympathy. Beverly Malfait-Lake Avon Park, Florida

July 7 at 11:01 AM



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BW

**Bob Wearley** posted:

I am proud to have known Virgil. He was a great Patriot, Served his country well and fostered the growth of the Woodburn American Legion, among the many other contributions to the community, in addition to raising a great family that we are all proud of. Truly a great citizen and above all a dedicated Christian. Sorry I can't be at the Funeral since I will be out of town.

July 7 at 11:01 AM

RY

**Rick Yarrington** posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. I remember my dad (Larry Yarrington) talking about going to school and playing baseball together with Virgil, sounded like they had some pretty good times in the day.

July 7 at 11:01 AM

PM

**Pam, Deb, Barb, And Lori Meyer** posted:

Virg was a dear friend of our father since their early school days. We heard so many great stories over the years of the fun times they shared. Virg was a great guy and we feel blessed to have known him. We know he is in Heaven and smiling. Harry Meyer's Daughters

February 10 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Virgil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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