



Wilbur E. French

August 6, 1925 - December 6, 2020

Wilbur E. French, 95, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family at St. Vincent Hospital on Sunday, December 6, 2020. He was a loving father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather. Wilbur was born in Lebanon, IN, on August 6, 1925, to Floyd and Minnie French. He married Sue Spear in 1946 and had two children, Clifton Douglas French and Dennis C. French. Sue preceded him in death on February 16, 1990. In 1993, Wilbur married Lollie Oakley. She preceded him in death on June 8, 2007.

While Wilbur was mainly a loan officer during his working years, he was most proud of his military service. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the 65th Infantry division. He fought in France, Germany and Austria with Paton's 3rd Army.

Wilbur was involved in nearly every club, lodge and service group in town. He was a Life Member and former commander of VFW Post 910. He was a Life Member of the American Legion and the Elks. He was a member of the Boone County Shrine Club, the Murat Shrine Club of Indianapolis, the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis, Mason Lodge #9 and 40 & 8. He was the oldest member of the Eagles Lodge Aerie 2062 and was the last surviving charter member of the Lebanon Kiwanis Club. In his free time, he enjoyed playing golf, bowling, playing cards and taking fishing trips to Canada.

Wilbur leaves behind sons; Doug (Stacy) French of Lebanon, Dennis French of South Bend and three step-daughters; Naomi (Doug) McCracken of Mooresville, NC, Stacey (Nick) Baldwin of Lebanon, Lori (Harry) Garman of Brownsburg. Wilbur is survived by four grandchildren, Sam French of Ft. Wayne, Courtney (Jake) Harreld of Noblesville, Baili (J.C.) Hart of Whitestown and Clifton (Katie) French of South Bend. Step-grandchildren Doug Jr. (Kailyn) McCracken, Kristi McCracken, Nikki (Gerald) Carlisle, Michael (fiancée Tamar) Baldwin, Katie Baldwin, Jenna Baldwin, Jacob (Olivia) Garman and Melanie (Donald) Orpen. 9 great-grandchildren. 5 step-great-grandchildren. Brother, Dr. Gary French of Lebanon. Sister-in-law, Patsy Scott of Frankfort and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by brothers Russell French and Jim French.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 with Masonic Rites beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street in Lebanon, Indiana.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020 at the funeral home in Lebanon. Interment with military rites will follow services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Boone County Cancer Society

117 West Elm Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052, The Sunshine Society sunshinesocialclub.org, P.O. Box 199, Whitestown IN 46075 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
1502 North Lebanon Street
Lebanon, IN 46052
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Service

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Myers Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilbur E. French*



Myers Mortuary - December 09, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *Wilbur E. French*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Darlene Trout lit a candle in memory of Wilbur E. French*



Darlene Trout - December 11, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *Wilbur was a good friend of mine. More importantly he was a hero to everyone. He will be sadly missed. Condolences to his family.*
Frank Stowers

Frank Stowers - December 09, 2020 at 05:20 PM

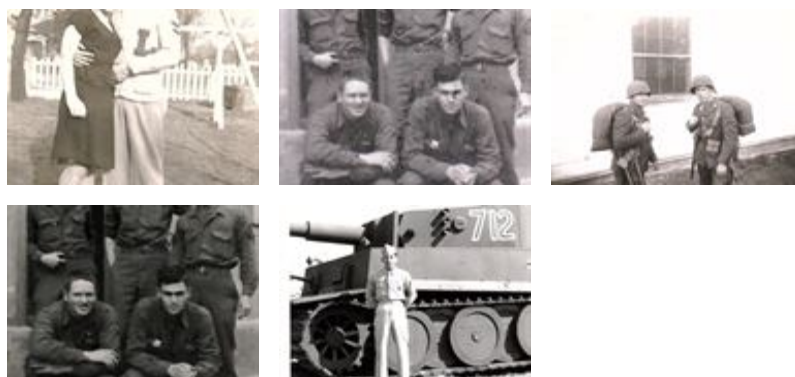
DM

“ Our condolences go out to the entire French Family. So sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Wilbur and Sue while growing up in Lebanon and always admired him for his humor and personality. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Best Regards,
Dave and Meg Miller

Dave Miller - December 09, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Myers Mortuary - December 09, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbur E. French.



December 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Yancy Stults Sr lit a candle in memory of Wilbur E. French



Yancy Stults Sr - December 08, 2020 at 05:33 PM

RR

“ Wilbur was such an influence on me. He was my dad's best friend. As much fun and trust these two guys had as friends, I also was the beneficiary of Wilbur's intellect and common sense. He always took the time when I was young to discuss with me what was important and right. I will remember his quiet confidence and healthy sense of humor. Lastly, I will admire his acceptance of the cards he was dealt. He faced the loss of Sue and his own disability with grace and dignity. Sorry for your loss, Doug and Dennis, but you had him for a long run.

Rick Roberts

Rick Roberts - December 08, 2020 at 04:54 PM

MB

“ So sorry to read about Wilbur's passing, he was such a great man! I'll never forget the first New Years, beans and cornbread I was invited to, WOW what such fun. He was always the same man, day after day.

Mark Beasey - December 08, 2020 at 10:40 AM

DJ

“ I have so many great memories of Wilbur. He was a mentor, inspiration and friend to me. Not many people know the details of his military career; because he was one of those quiet men who served and then returned home to his family and friends without any notoriety or the need for praise. I shared some of his business career with Local Finance; and his quiet leadership was respected by all. These are just a few of the memories I have; and they, and all the others will always be with me. Proud and grateful to have known him. Condolences to all the family.

Delbert Davis Jr - December 08, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilbur E. French.



December 08, 2020 at 09:27 AM

SH

“ Wilbur was an amazing, funny, and caring man. I am blessed to have been able to meet him and care for him.



Samntha Hall - December 08, 2020 at 06:04 AM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Wilbur E. French*



sally byrd - December 07, 2020 at 10:55 PM

GG

“ *Wib had one of the most rye senses of humor of anybody. He was a GOOD MAN who loved his family. RIP*

Gary Garoffolo - December 07, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilbur E. French.*



December 07, 2020 at 03:49 PM

JB

“ *Doug and Stacy. I am so sorry to hear of Wilbur's passing. I know he has been a vital part of your family and will be sorely missed. Prayers and blessings for you and your families. Jamie Myers Bell*

Jamie Bell - December 07, 2020 at 03:46 PM