



## Arthur Rex Witham

April 2, 1927 - October 29, 2022

Arthur Rex Witham, 95, of rural Mentone, Indiana, born to James Arthur Witham and Lillian (Hatfield) Witham on April 2, 1927, passed peacefully from this life on October 29, 2022.

A 1945 graduate of Mentone High School, Rex served in the Army for two years beginning shortly after graduation. He obtained the rank of sergeant and was a member of the Signal Corps, including service in Germany. Rex worked at Midwest Spring and Stamping in Mentone from 1960 to 1997.

As an elder, Bible class teacher, and faithful brother of the Mentone church of Christ, Rex was known for his desire to teach others about the Bible and was instrumental in a number of people turning their life to Christ through baptism. He believed in the simple message of the gospel and the simplicity that is found in Christ. He often reminded his family that in order to teach others, we must "get down to where the people are at."

Rex was also known for his humor, friendliness, work ethic, and love for family. Rex's family fondly remembers his stories of working days at the spring factory followed by farming in the evenings and weekends; he jokingly reminded them many times, "at least set aside enough money in life so you can pay to bury yourself."

Rex married Marion Freeda Kesler on January 14, 1949 in Mentone. Rex and Freeda were happily married for 64 years until her passing in 2013.

Rex was also preceded in death by his son, Gregory R Witham, an infant daughter, Carol, sisters Betty L. Burnett Zimpelman, Patricia Stutzman, Beverly Johnston, and Sandy Rovenstine and brothers Ned Witham and Harry "Curly" Witham. Survivors include three daughters, Caleen (Susie) Rentschler, Mentone, Janie and husband, Eric Gard, Carmel, and Sally and husband Jay Hearn, St. Charles, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Natalie, Nathan, Aaron, Katie, Maggie, Rachel and Charles; nine great-grandchildren, Frank, Dustin, Darcy, Benjamin, Gibson, Arlen, Evelyn, Valerie, and Vance; and special nephews, Bob Everman, Nashville, and Bill Everman, Gas City.

The memorial service will take place at 12:00 noon, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with the Minister of the Church of Christ Kent Jones officiating.

Memorial visitation will be held from 11 am to the time of the service.

A private interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana next to his wife Freeda.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Shults-Lewis Child & Family Services, 325 South 150 East, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383 or the Mentone Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Mentone Cemetery

Morgan St Jefferson Street  
Mentone, IN 46539

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home  
101 North Tucker Street  
P.O. Box 56  
Mentone, IN 46539  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Rex Witham



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 03, 2022 at 01:50 PM

DF

“ I am sorry for your loss; Rex was always ready to make you laugh over a coffee at java jacks. He will be missed by all who knew him!!

Don Wiesehan & Family - November 05, 2022 at 02:26 PM

TF

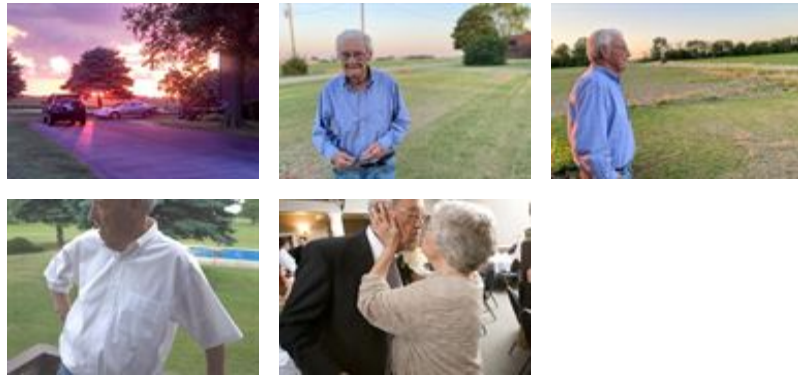
“ The Albaugh and McAfee Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arthur Rex Witham.



The Albaugh and McAfee Families - November 04, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 03, 2022 at 01:49 PM

MH

“ Michelle Holloway lit a candle in memory of Arthur Rex Witham



Michelle Holloway - November 02, 2022 at 06:35 PM

MH

“ Rex and Freeda were neighbors of ours for 30 plus years. They were one of the first people to see our twins Miranda and Logan after they were born. They brought us a huge box of diapers. Their friendship over the years was one we'll never forget. We would exchange cats from time to time. Enough that we both claimed that we wanted tax information from each other in exchange for all the cat food we'd have to buy, and the boarding. We'd joke and laugh about that every time we'd see each other. I know he loved his cats as much as we love ours. I'm really going to miss seeing him when Mitch and I would go walking down the road. He'd come out if he saw us and we'd stop and talk for a while. Rest easy Rex, you're with your lovely wife. Mitch and I are praying for you Susie and all of the Witham family. You're in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Michelle Holloway - November 02, 2022 at 06:33 PM

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“ Lyle, Laurece, Tomaline, Jeannine & Families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Arthur Rex Witham.



Lyle, Laurece, Tomaline, Jeannine & Families - November 02, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ "The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Arthur Rex Witham.



November 02, 2022 at 01:10 PM

TB

“ Rex had been a wonderful neighbor, he always told me if I wasn't on my hoers he wouldn't recognize me...  
Prayers for the family & friends...

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**Teresa Blanton** - November 01, 2022 at 06:50 PM

VM

“ Rex was a great neighbor for many years. He and Freeda raised a wonderful family. May all of you find peace during this time. Much love, Tim and Vicki (Horn) Mikel

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**Vicki Mikel** - November 01, 2022 at 06:28 PM

JW

“ To Sally and her sisters.  
May you find peace and comfort with Our Lord at this time of sorrow  
💔.  
Marc and Judi (Bates) Weissert

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**Judi Weissert** - November 01, 2022 at 03:37 PM