



## Richard E. French

May 28, 1927 - July 26, 2012

Richard E. French, 85, rural Silver Lake, died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2012, at his residence.

He was born May 28, 1927, in Howard County, to Charley and Mamie Gearheart French.

On May 10, 1947, at the Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake, he married Donna Belle Bucher French.

He retired in 1994 after 47 years from General Tire Corp. in Wabash where he was a manufacturing analyst and a cost estimator for new business, receiving the president's award in 1993 for outstanding achievements.

He graduated from Laketon High School in 1945. He was a member of the Silver Creek Churches of God General Conference and the Gideons International Wabash County Camp. He served as state treasurer of the Indiana Conference of Churches of God for 16 years and as president of the National Conference Churches of God Winebrenner Brotherhood for nine years. He also served in many ministries of Gideons International. Loving God's creation was the main focus of his life. God brought many people into his life and blessings flowed. Family, friends and fellowship, his goal was to remain faithful.

Survivors include wife, Donna Belle French, Silver Lake; a daughter, Suzanne and husband Mark Holt, Sweetser; two sons, Joseph and wife Sara French, Warsaw, and David and wife Marlyn French, Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Melissa Klotz, Cherie Dupor, Amanda Manley, Derek French, Amanda Thompson, Ashley Holt, Allison Holt and Alexis Holt; nine great-grandchildren, Brady Klotz, Natalie Klotz, Tyler French, Sydney Manley, Merin French, Sava Dupor, Draza Dupor, Ninah Dupor and Adah Dupor; and a brother, Rev. Wm. Ed and wife Vaudene French, Silver Lake.

He was preceded by his parents; a sister, Laretta Evans; and two brothers, Woody and Roy French.

Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2012, at the Silver Creek Church of God, 6504 W. 1300 South, Silver Lake, with Pastor Jim Martin and Pastor Tom Craig officiating.

Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2012, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial is at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to Silver Creek Church of God, Gideons International, Kosciusko Home Care and Kosciusko County Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Silver Creek Cemetery

6504 West 1300 South  
Silver Lake, IN 46982

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
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## Funeral Service

JUL **30.** 10:30 AM (ET)

Silver Creek Church Of God  
6504 West 1300 South  
Silver Lake, IN 46982

# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard E. French



Hartzler Funeral Services - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joe, Sara and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers and I hope the memories will help you get thru this difficult time. God Bless you, Cathy Shear Lundgren

Cathy Shear Lundgren - July 31, 2012 at 01:33 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire French family. Your family has been such a bright light for Christ and a blessing to many. May you find comfort in knowing that Dick is safe in the arms of God!

Sharon Dotson Steele

Sharon Dotson Steele - July 30, 2012 at 08:44 PM

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“ DEAR DONNA BELL,  
MY SISTER JOAN CALLED ME ABOUT DICK'S PASSING. OUR  
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. LAURA WILL CALL  
YOU AT A LATER DATE.  
BOB TUCKER

bob & laura tucker - July 30, 2012 at 04:37 PM

BF

“ Dear Suzanne and family...I'm so sorry to hear of your father's  
passing, but I know his soul is at peace...I pray God gives you and  
your family comfort at this time...God bless and be with you  
all....Bev Frymier

Bev Frymier - July 29, 2012 at 08:47 PM

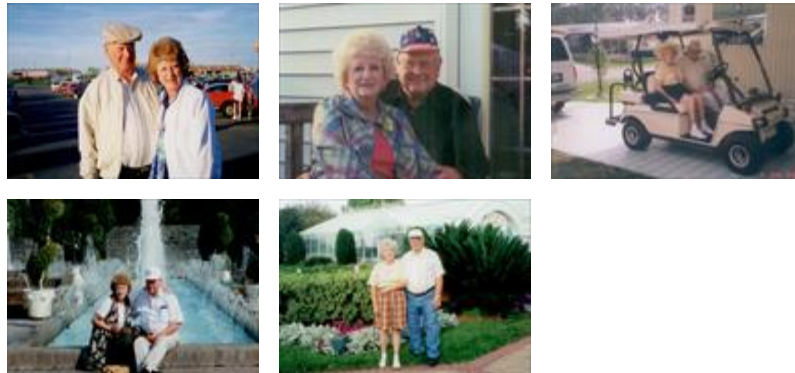
SH

Oh Bev, thank you so much. I will miss him but so thankful to have so  
many memories.

Suzanne Holt - July 31, 2012 at 08:11 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - July 27, 2012 at 07:36 PM