



## W. Ed French

October 7, 1932 - June 16, 2016

Ed French, farmer, electrician and preacher, died Thursday, June 16 at his rural Silver Lake home. He was 83.

He was born William Edward French Oct.7, 1932, in Kokomo, to Charles and Mamie French. He graduated from Laketon High School, where he met Elizabeth Vaudene Railsback. Smitten with the redhead, he borrowed his brother's suit and set off in a snowstorm to marry her on Christmas Eve, 1950. The two were seldom apart over the next 65 years. She loved to cook and he loved to eat, and they both enjoyed watching basketball games and sitting on their front porch looking out over their beloved lake. She died Feb. 12, 2016. While his cause of death has not been determined, those close to him know he died of a broken heart.

He was a farmer and owner of French Electric. He started a third career when most were retiring, becoming a minister at Liberty Mills United Methodist Church and, until his death, at West Eel River Church.

He was preceded in death by wife Vaudene French, brothers Roy (Clara), Woodrow (Helen) and Richard (Donna) French and sister Laoretta (Bill) Evans.

He is survived by sons Gary French of Fort Wayne and Ron (Valerie) French

of Okemos, Mich., daughter Kathy Judy of Peru, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, at South Pleasant United Methodist Church, 5064 W. 1400 North, North Manchester, followed by a funeral service at the church at 11 a.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home of Akron, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## South Pleasant Cemetery

5064 W 1400 N  
Silver Lake, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

South Pleasant United Methodist Church  
5064 West 1400 North  
Silver Lake, IN

## Funeral Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. And so sorry for not being able to attend his or vaudeans viewing. He always made me laugh and cry in church. Liked him alot. Cherish all your wonderful memories. In Gods Love dewey and peggy davis.

Peggy Davis - June 22, 2016 at 05:10 PM

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“ Ok so sorry for your loss. May fond memories and the God of all comfort give you peace during this difficult time. (1 Peter 5:7)

C.C. - June 21, 2016 at 11:45 AM

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“ Prayer for you and Falimy



Connie Enyeart - June 19, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of W. Ed French.



June 18, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this Ed was a great guy and like another father to me when I was a kid. I will differently miss him. Your family is in our prayers.*

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**Stan Enyeart** - June 18, 2016 at 11:47 AM