



Robert W. Bettge

September 9, 1925 - December 28, 2017

Robert W. Bettge, 92, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully at Community East Hospital on December 28, 2017. Bob was born September 9, 1925 in Indianapolis to the late William and Elizabeth Hess Bettge. He graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1944 and from Purdue University in 1948 with a degree in civil engineering. Starting in 1948 his entire professional career was spent with the Indiana State Highway Department designing and maintaining bridges within the state road system, including the federal interstate highway system. It is not an exaggeration to say that on any drive of considerable distance within Indiana you will very likely cross a bridge he had a hand in designing, maintaining or repairing. He retired in 1987. Shortly after his graduation from Purdue, on May 21, 1948, Bob married the love of his life, Geraldine (Jerry) Hacker Bettge. They met while ice skating at the Coliseum on the Indiana State Fairgrounds. They lived on the eastside of Indianapolis their entire married life. Jerry preceded Bob in death in 2006.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 3, 2018 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel. A funeral service will be held Thursday at 10:00 AM at the chapel.

Bob is survived by sons; David Bettge (Deborah) of Summerville, South Carolina and Thomas Bettge (Jennifer Snell) of Round Lake, Illinois. He has four granddaughters Amanda Dexter (Travis), Samantha Bettge-Ledyard (Eric), Sara Bateman (Richard) and Grace Diehl (Kyle); two step-

grandchildren, Matt McIntire and Jessica Snell. His seven great-grandchildren were very special to him; Justine and Grant Dexter, Duncan, Piper and Harper Ledyard, and Adrian and Isabelle Bateman. Bob was the oldest of four siblings; Donald Bettge of Lorton, Virginia, Richard Bettge of Rockville and Barbara Bettge Jackson of Indianapolis, all whom preceded him in death. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Wheeler Mission Ministries, 205 E. New York Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46404 (<http://wheelermission.org>).

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Twiddy lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Bettge*



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