

Bluffton News-Banner, Wells County, IN; August 14, 2004

Retired after 46 years of service at Franklin Electric Co., Floyd A. Runyon, 73, of Bluffton, died suddenly at 1:25 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at his residence. Mr. Runyon retired from Franklin Electric's engineering department in 1995 after 46 years of service.

A 1949 graduate of Lancaster High School, he was a veteran of the Korean Conflict with the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He was a member of IOOF, American Legion Post 111 and the First United Methodist Church. He also was a member and the original president of the Bluffton Bowling Hall of Fame and a past president of the local bowling league. He was a longstanding member of the Parlor City Country Club and was an avid golfer, fisherman and bowler. He also coached baseball leagues in Bluffton for 12 years and vacationed with his family yearly in Minnesota.

Born Jan. 16, 1931 in Southey, Saskatchewan, Canada to Alton T. and Stella Soli Runyon, his marriage on Jan. 22, 1955 in Bluffton was to the former Evelyn J. Messick, who survives. He had been a resident of Wells County since 1943. Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dave (Vikki) Booth of Bluffton; three sons, David Runyon of Decatur and Patrick and Daniel Runyon, both of Bluffton; a sister, Vivian Andrews of Bluffton; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Milholland.

Calling will be at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. today and on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Gary Lewis officiating and burial in Greenwood Cemetery at Linn Grove. Military honors will be performed by the American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton at the cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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