Wendell W. Gerber

August 13, 1925 – May 28, 2021



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 Wendell W. Gerber, age 95, of Bluffton, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday afternoon, May 28, 2021, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

 Wendell was born in Craigville on Aug. 13, 1925, to Elias R. and Rose (Schwartz) Gerber. He married Wanda J. Moser in Bluffton on Dec. 16, 1945. She preceded him in death on Dec. 13, 2017.

 A 1943 graduate of Lancaster Central High School, Wendell was an agent for National Oil and Gas in Bluffton for many years, retiring in 2007. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, where he served as a minister in Bluffton and Fort Lauderdale, FL, from 1962 until 1991.

 In his retirement years, Wendell enjoyed taking evening drives in the car with his wife Wanda. He genuinely enjoyed people and never knew a stranger. Wendell will be remembered as a gentle and kind man who lived his faith, and who adored his family, especially his grandchildren and

great-grandchildren.

 Survivors include six daughters, Melanie Gerber, Melissa Netherland, Mona (Mike) Craighead, Margo Haiflich, Marsha (Mark) Nicholas, all of Bluffton, and Maureen (Roger) Reinhard of Craigville; eight grandchildren, Amy (Jarrod) Gerber, Chad (Amy) Smekens, Carla Graham, Daniel Graham, Beth (Wes) Van Treeck, Jay (Mallory) Nicholas, Krent (Amber) Reinhard, and Kyle (Katrina) Reinhard; and 11 great-grandchildren, Isaac, Caleb, and Audrey Gerber, Madison and Reagan Bebout, Cailyn and Lauren Smekens, Charliee Graham, Emma Nicholas, Alaya, Blakely, and Kinley Reinhard, and another great-grandson on the way. He is also survived by two brothers, Vernon Gerber and Tillman (Betty) Gerber, both of Bluffton; a sister, Audrey Paxson of Muskegon, MI; and three sisters-in-law, Evelyn Gerber, Julia Gerber, and Joyce Troxel.

 In addition to his wife and parents, Wendell was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Kara and Dustin Reinhard; a son-in-law, Brian Netherland; a sister, Lucille Steffen Clark; and two brothers, Robert and Victor Gerber.

 Visitation will be on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M., at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Services will be on Thursday, June 3rd, at 10:00 AM, at the Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Steve Ringger and Jeff Leman will officiate the service. Burial will follow at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams County.

 Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Goodwin-Cale Funeral Home, Wells County, Indiana

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