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A funeral service for Paul E. Gutridge, 91 of Newark will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017 in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with Rev. Betsy Williams officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery. The Licking County Veterans Alliance will provide Military Funeral Honors.

Mr. Gutridge peacefully passed away April 4, 2017 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center, operated by Hospice of Central Ohio. He was born March 29, 1926 in Newark to the late Albert M. and Florence C. (Woolard) Gutridge.

A 1944 graduate of Newark High School, Mr. Gutridge honorable served his country in the Navy during WWII. He was employed by Rockwell International (formerly North American Aviation) for 33 years, retiring in 1986 as Quality Laboratory Manager and NDT Level 3. He was honored with numerous achievement awards for his contribution to the Space Shuttle Program and the B-1B Bomber.

Mr. Gutridge grew up on a family farm which instilled a work ethic that followed him into retirement as he maintained a vegetable garden and made significant contributions to the success of the M&M Christmas Tree Farm. He liked to tinker in the shed maintaining tools and equipment with the same care as his father. He enjoyed playing cards, watching any sport on television, and listening to gospel and big band music. He was a great baseball fan (Cincinnati Reds) and coached Little League and Babe Ruth. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Babe Ruth League and was the game scheduler for a number of years.

Survivors include his daughter, Sherry Ayers of Charlotte, NC; a son, P. Michael (Mary) Gutridge of Granville, OH; step-daughter, Marcia (Rick) Henderson of Heath, OH; grandchildren, Brian Hoy of Blacklick, OH, Summer (Michael) Savin of Charlotte, NC, Erin (Pat) Gutridge-McPherson of Reynoldsburg, OH, Ericka Henderson of St. Petersburg, FL, Mindy (Ken) Tietz of Granville, OH, Jason Snelling of Newark, OH; a niece, Barb Pletcher; a grand niece, Deb Reid, both of Heath, OH; and 10 great-grandchildren.



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In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Herman; a sister, Grace; and his second wife, Anna L. Gutridge.

The family would like to thank the staff at Kendal Rehab, HomeInstead and Middleton for their great work in taking care of our Dad.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Licking County Humane Society, 825 Thornwood Drive, SW, Heath, OH 43056 or the Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio, P.O. Box 430, Newark, OH 43058-0430.



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TB

Thomas Brannon posted:

He was a good honest man.

March 30 at 3:58 AM

JL

Jim Lawson posted:

Sherry, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a nice man. I would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your entire family!

April 6 at 1:05 PM

PM

Pat Massaro posted:

Mike, Sherry, and Family, I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. He was a very nice man who loved his family. You have my sympathy.

April 6 at 12:31 PM

TB

Tonia Browder posted:

Brian, my heart goes out to you and your family . I am so sorry for the loss of of your Grandpa, I have always enjoyed reading your posts about him and your visits together. with much love , hugs and sorrow --Tonia Browder

April 6 at 11:54 AM

TB

Tom Brannon posted:

So sorry to hear about Paul. He was a good man and a gentleman !

April 6 at 9:15 AM

CM

Cris Miller posted:

Sherry, I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad lived a full, productive life and I am sure you were proud of him. You are so fortunate to have had a very long time to enjoy and love him. I know he will be missed and he surely left a great legacy behind. May God give you comfort as you grieve.

April 6 at 7:40 AM



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Drew Bourne posted:

Sherry, My sincere condolences for the loss of your father.

April 6 at 1:12 AM



Anonymous posted:

Such a great person. Love you guys so much.

April 5 at 6:24 AM



Russell Smith posted:

Mike and family, My deepest condolences on the passing of your father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He will remain in your hearts and you will think of him often, but rest assured he is now an angel among angels and may he Rest In Peace.

April 5 at 2:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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