

choice. Online condolences may be sent to the Landman family at [www.palmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com).



**Ray B. Larson**

Nov. 7, 1923 - Feb. 26, 2015  
**NILES** - I left this life on February 26, 2015, and embarked on my final great adventure. I've had my share of adventures...living with the head hunters, walking with grizzlies, and visiting the mountain gorillas, not to mention 94 combat missions as a fighter pilot in WW II.

Along with my wife, Margaret ("Peg") Larson, I leave one sister, Elizabeth (Tom) Walters of Newport News, VA; five children: Roger Larson of Vero Beach, FL, Steve (Sharon) Larson of Westcliffe, CO, Carol Bell of Morgantown, IN, Katherine Larson of Dexter, MI, and Linda (Ron) Witchie of Granger, IN; eight grandchildren: Nikki Larson of Sturgis, KY, Julie (Kevin) Stewart of Fishers, IN, Sarah (Derek) Clifford of Nashville, IN, Emily (Matthew) Thompson of Juneau, AK, David Bell of Vestaburg, MI, Elizabeth (Tyler) Cragg of Marquette, MI, Austin & Blake Witchie of Granger, IN; and 7 great-grandchildren to carry on my name and hope for the future. My extended family includes four daughters and their husbands: Jenny (Al), Meg (Tim), Becky (Dave), Amy (Mike); and eight grandchildren: John (Ali), Mariah, Sarah, Charlotte, Kevin, Alison, Leah and Clarke, who have been a wonderful addition to my family and a great source of enjoyment for me.

I was born in Chicago on November 7, 1923, and moved with my parents to Elkhart in 1926. I graduated from Elkhart High School in 1941, entered Purdue as an engineering student and enlisted in the Army Air Corps the day after Pearl Harbor. I served in the Pacific Theater and took part in 5 major landings.

At the end of the war I went back to finish Purdue and married Ruth Anne ("Fran") Sears in 1947. In 1948 I became a management trainee with RR Donnelley in Chicago.

mentoring local companies and small business startups.

In 1987 I was lucky enough to find Peg Clarke and married her in 1988. In our 27 years together, we have traveled the world and sailed on many seas. My "bucket list" is empty. It's been a great ride with lots of unbelievable experiences.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, March 7th, at Welsheimer Family Funeral Home, 17033 Cleveland Road, South Bend, IN. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 on Friday, March 6th, in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to The South Bend Symphony, 127 N. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601; The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, P.O. Box 837, South Bend, IN 46624; or Fernwood Botanical Gardens, 13988 Range Line Rd., Niles, MI 49120.

Family and friends may leave e-mail condolences at [www.welsheimer.com](http://www.welsheimer.com).



**Joseph Warren Lewis**

March 25, 1928 - Feb. 26, 2015  
**VANDALIA** - Joseph W. Lewis, 86, of Vandalia, died Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Family and friends will gather Wednesday, March 4, 2015, from 10:00 until time of service at 11:00 a.m. in Connelly Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis. There will be a Wake Service Wednesday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Lewis will be laid to rest at Calvin Township Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Connelly Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Cassopolis. Please visit our website for full obituary and to share an online memory or a message: [wagnercares.com](http://wagnercares.com).



**Chris Makris**

June 27, 1937 - Feb. 23, 2015  
**SOUTH BEND** - Chris Makris, 77, of South Bend, died peacefully on Monday, February 23rd, in his residence. Chris was born June 27, 1937, in South Bend, to the late Dorothy (Anagnostopoulos) and Peter C. Makris. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Elaine Daniels. He is survived by two daughters, Becky Makris and husband, Frank Richardson of Unionville, IN, and Paula Makris-Larance and husband, Jeremy of Wheeling, WV; five grand-

children with his 5 grandchildren. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Chris' name may be made to The Center for Hospice Care, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, IN 46545. Welsheimer Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Family and friends may leave e-mail condolences at [www.welsheimer.com](http://www.welsheimer.com).



**Charles Edward Rice**

Aug. 7, 1931 - Feb. 25, 2015

**MISHAWAKA** - Charles Edward Rice, 83, died peacefully at 8:40 PM Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the University of Chicago Medical Center following an illness.

He was born August 7, 1931, in Manhattan, NY, the youngest of four siblings. His father Laurence was active in Irish-American and Catholic organizations in New York City, and these causes remained at the heart of Professor Rice's beliefs and work throughout his life. A New Yorker at heart, he retained his dry sense of humor and never wavered in his allegiance to his favorite cocktail, a Manhattan on the rocks. But he also loved Indiana where he and his wife Mary moved in 1969, and often spoke of himself as a regular guy from Mishawaka. Known for his quick wit, he made it a daily practice to scan the obituary pages of the South Bend Tribune "to make sure he was not in them."

Charlie loved Notre Dame and the Fight Song (often giving his grandkids pin-on buttons that played the Fight Song over and over). His devotion to Jesus Christ and Our Lady--"Notre Dame"--was the source of his commitment to the University and his passion that Notre Dame stay true to its Catholic identity. He loved his Catholic faith and deemed his classes teaching the faith to high schoolers or talks at parishes all over the country as important as any Supreme Court brief that he ever wrote.

Family was always a priority for him; his many books were often written on the backs of envelopes while sitting in the bleachers at his children's swim meets, hockey games or track meets. He passed this commitment to family on to his children, along with his strong faith, and

+