



Carrol Vertrees

March 3, 2014 - June 9, 2014

Carrol Vertrees age 92 of Hobart, formerly of Merrillville passed away June 9, 2014 with his family by his side. Carrol was born March 3, 1922 in Elnora, IN. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hobart Indiana where he was still an active member of the choir. Congregation members in Hobart and his previous church in Merrillville remember his beautiful tenor voice carrying the solo in "O Holy Night" each Christmas.

He is most well known in the region for his work as a columnist at the Post Tribune. His first job in newspaper was for the Glen Park Herald. He was later hired by the Post-Tribune where he worked for over 35 years, beginning as a reporter and ending his career as a member of the editorial staff and columnist. He continued to write a weekly column well after retirement for the Post Tribune and Odon Journal, completing his last column only one week ago.

He attended Elnora High School, where he played basketball for the Elnora Owls. He was a graduate of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and of the Indiana University school of Journalism where he earned his Master's Degree. He was also a World War II veteran having served his country overseas in the European Theater. He was an active member of his church and community giving of himself over the years to organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Little League, community boards and

in support of his alma mater the University of Indianapolis. He also taught Journalism part time at Indiana University Northwest and Valparaiso University. Carrol loved gardening, golfing and singing.

He was preceded in death by his parents Damon and Mary (Cunningham) Vertrees and a brother Leo (Clara) Vertrees.

Carrol is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years Martha (nee Dennis) Vertrees; his loving children Vicki Ward, Jonathan (Mara) Vertrees, Frederick Vertrees, and Rebecca (Dennis) Owen. He has six cherished grandchildren: Marisa, Annabelle, Eli, Savannah, Emily and Lauren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation on Friday June 13, 2014 at The Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th St, Hobart, from 5 – 8 PM with a Prayer service at 7:30. Celebration of Life Service in his memory to be held Saturday, at 10:30 AM at First United Methodist Church, 654 E. 4th St. Hobart, IN. Officiated by Reverend Rebecca L. Smith. For further information please call Savich & Semplinski Funeral Directors at Burns Funeral Home (219) 769-0044. In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to the Ronald McDonald House or Charity of their choice.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Coffee w Carrol on Tuesdays at the Valparaiso Starbucks was a constant treat.I miss him very much..I would like to have one more conversation with this man whether it be religion,politics,or life..RIP..

JERRY HAGER - April 28, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carrol Vertrees.



June 12, 2014 at 06:27 PM

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“ Dear Vertrees Family
I did not know your dear loved one but emailed him a couple of times after he signed the online guestbook for my mother when she passed away 2 year ago. He knew her from college and his kind words were very comforting.
After that I emailed him a picture of her while at college asking if he knew the fellow she was with. He kindly replied that he did not know the young man, but if he remembered he would let me know.
I am sorry for your loss and all of his readers of the weekly column will truly miss it. It was something I looked forward to every week.Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Susan Klos

Susan Klos - June 12, 2014 at 06:01 PM