



"Lee" Leon Merle Bidwell

April 7, 1925 - September 23, 2017

"Lee" Leon Merle Bidwell, 92, of Estero, FL, passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Formerly of Roann, IN, he had been a resident of the Bonita Springs area since 1977. He was born April 7, 1925 in Roann, IN, the son of Joseph William and Mary Marie (Crist) Bidwell.

Mr. Bidwell was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving honorably during World War II. He graduated high school in Akron, IN and earned a business degree from Indiana University. He was a farm implement dealer in Roann (Watson & Bidwell) from 1949 until 1976. Lee enjoyed his family, Indiana lakes, boating, motorhoming and golf. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Betty E. (Ensley) Bidwell; his beloved daughters, Sherri (James) Ford of Georgetown, FL, Tara (Tim) Hornbacker of New Paris, OH, Linda (Jeffrey) Sampson of Wabash, IN and Janet (Mason) Boyd of Urbandale, IA; nine grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Eugene Bidwell; and a sister, Julia Ann Day.

Services will be held in Indiana at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Joanne's House of Hope Hospice, www.hopehospice.org.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *“Lee” Leon Merle Bidwell*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *So Sorry to hear of Leon's passing. They were Great neighbors while living in Roann, IN. This was during the time their 4 daughters were growing up. Sincere sympathy to them and their mother Betty. Will continue to remember each of them in our prayers. Blessings to All.*

Laaura & Ron Shaw & family - September 27, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember many visits with your family as we grew up. Leon was a kind and thoughtful man to our visiting Crist family.*



Jane Crist Laws - September 27, 2017 at 03:08 AM



“ *“I'm very sorry for your great loss. May the family take comfort throughout this difficult time. 1 Peter 5:6,7”*

Lindsay - September 24, 2017 at 06:21 PM



A GOOD, FAMILY MAN.. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

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