



Edward R. "Buddy" Pullins

December 10, 1921 - May 27, 2009

Edward R. Pullins (87) of Rensselaer passed away May 27, 2009 in his home. He was born on December 10, 1921, to Emmett F. and Flora E. (Saidla) Pullins, in Rensselaer, both deceased. Buddy was a graduate of the Rensselaer High School class of 1939. Buddy has led a rich and full life with his varied occupations and many interests. Buddy was a photographer, outdoor writer and lecturer. He also enjoyed painting and sketching. Buddy served in the U.S. Army during World War II for 3 ½ years as a radio operator and was in Normandy during D+1. Buddy received a Purple Heart medal, 5 Campaign medals and in 2004 was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic and meritorious service in ground combat at Normandy. He worked for 23 years at Jasper County Farm Bureau and was promoted to the position of Advertising and Promotions Manager. After retirement he returned to work, and found a different career as a Wal-Mart greeter and was employed for 11 years. He handled many of the Wal-Mart grants given annually by the store to not-for-profit groups in the community. He also worked with Duck's Unlimited to foster and improve wildlife habitat and was instrumental in helping set up new chapters. He exhibited his collection of silver and turquoise jewelry and a few native or native inspired works at the Native Art & Artifacts at the Prairie Arts Council. He collected wildlife prints by some of America's top wildlife artists. He gave lectures on Southwest Indian tribes for area schools and organizations. Buddy had many hobbies and activities. He was active in stock car racing and also owned stock car #007. In the 1960's he managed the

Rensselaer Raceway. He enjoyed attending racing events and cheering for his favorite driver in car No. 92. He field tested equipment for six years for Abu Garcia Fishing Company and he wrote wildlife articles for the magazine "Hoosier Outdoors" and for the Rensselaer Republican. Buddy enjoyed fishing at Raccoon Lake with his friends. In the fall deer hunting was on the agenda, whether it was with his bow, his gun or his camera. He enjoyed watching the wildlife and writing about it.

Buddy was instrumental in building the Iroquois Archery Club. He served as president for many years and was very active in teaching and being a mentor to young children and adults in the sport of archery and life skills. He was very proud of a special archery student who has become a pro bow hunter from Rensselaer by the name of Brandon Reyes.

He was a member of the Iroquois Archery Club, American Legion, VFW and 40 & 8 and served on the Community Services board. He served as president during the construction of the facility for the Community Services board.

Buddy is survived by a niece, Viola Pullins, great nephews Johnny Joe Pullins and Roger (Pat) Pullins, all of Rensselaer, a great niece, Jackie Debshaw of DeMotte and William Pollock whom he raised. Buddy was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
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Tribute Wall



“ *I never had the honor of meeting this patriot - he served in WWII and helped save our great nation - God bless this hero and my God give His love to the family during their time of loss*

Neal Michal

LtCol U S Army- Retired

Grayling, Mich###imported-begin##LtCol Neal Michal###imported-end##

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“ *We pass along our regrets and celebrate the wonderful and eventful life of Buddy. I remember him well growing up. My father, Charles Jones, was a good friend of Buddy's. Chuck was the track photographer at Rensselaer Raceway for many years and we all enjoyed Buddy's company. Best Regards and God Bless you all. We know that Buddy is smiling above. Glen, Crystal, & Joan Jones.###imported-begin##Glen Jones & Family###imported-end##*

May 30, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ We have known Buddy for many years. I worked with him at WalMart and we also knew him from The Archery Club. Our hearts are sadden that we won't be able to make it to say a final farewell but we know he is with God, and all of his pain is gone. We will never forget him for as long as we live. He was a big part of our family. Our boys called him Papa Bud. He was at our wedding. I got pictures of him dancing with my mom. He was always there when I had my 3 sons and he will live on. God Bless and be with those who had the chance to know Buddy.##imported-begin##Rodney and Heather Minick and Boys##imported-end##

May 29, 2009 at 07:48 PM



“ I had the good fortune of working with Buddy, for many years at the Jasper County Farm Bureau Coop. He always had a smile on his face and was enjoyable to be around. He will be greatly missed, but his time on this earth was well spent and he is in a better place.

Richard Denhart##imported-begin##Richard & Norma Denhart##imported-end##

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“ I have known Buddy all my life and not a day that I have seen him that he had a stern word to anyone....always a smile on his face. I will miss him greatly.....what a wonderful gift God gave us for 87 yrs....and now he is watching over us smiling.##imported-begin##Deb Smart##imported-end##

May 28, 2009 at 04:01 PM



“ *I don't think there was ever a day when I went into Walmart that Buddy didn't have a smile on his face. He was just that kind of guy. May he rest in peace now with no more pain. God be with his family & friends in their time of need. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ginny##imported-end##*

May 28, 2009 at 09:13 AM