



## Russell Earl Lash

December 25, 1939 - July 1, 2010

Russ Lash, age 70, of Rensselaer passed away July 1, 2010 at his residence in Rensselaer due to Pancreatic Cancer. Russ was born December 25, 1939 in Bloomington, Indiana to the late Donald Lash and surviving Margaret Mendenhall Lash.

The Lash family lived in (Irvington) Indianapolis during the 1950 and 60's and were very active in Irvington Methodist Church. Russ attended Howe High School and followed in his father's footsteps by winning the ISHAA Mile Championship, in 1957 and 1958 and Cross Country Championship in 1958. They were the only father son duo to win the State Mile Championship. Both father and son ran varsity track and cross country at IU Bloomington where Russ graduated from the School of Business in 1962. Upon graduation, Russ received his Officers Commission from the IU ROTC Program and was platoon leader in an Infantry Company.

Before his Army Discharge in 1965, Russ participated in the 1964 Olympian Modern Pentathlon Trials at Fort Sam Hood, this includes five military sports such as horseback jumping, fencing, pistol shooting, swimming and running. In 1965, Russ was appointed as a Special Agent with the FBI , assigned to Birmingham, Alabama, Richmond Virginia, and the Washington D.C. area. At age 29 , Russ was appointed Warden of the Maximum Security Prison at Michigan City, where he served 5 years before his appointment of Director of Corrections in Oklahoma in 1974. Russ moved to Northwest Indiana in 1975 and built an Insurance Agency as an Independent Contractor, and retired in

2006.

On May 7, 1988, in Rensselaer Russ married Shirley A. Ellis who survives. Surviving along with his wife are two children, Ryan Lash , Muncie, Suzanne (David) Garrison, Greer, South Carolina, one brother David (Mariam) Lash, one sister, Marguerite (Mike) Klausmeier. step children, Randy (Carrie) Allen, Kim (Duane) Yaros, six grandchildren, one great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
327 N. Van Rensselaer Street  
Rensselaer, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Earl Lash



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - July 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family. I knew Russ when we both worked for Horace Mann Insurance. He was a great sales person and admired by many.

Mari Patton##imported-begin##Mari Patton##imported-end##

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July 07, 2010 at 04:04 PM



“ Praying for your whole family. You are special to us. Sorry that we didn't get to the visitation today, we have grandkids for the week. You are in our thoughts.

Love,

Pam and Ron##imported-begin##Ron and Pam Tillett##imported-end##

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July 06, 2010 at 11:27 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family,

*I'm very sorry for your loss, but at the same time I'm glad Russ now has a new body and is free from all pain. "He will be with you longer than you will be a part". That is a song by the Legacy Five that I had played at Dad's funeral. It's just a reminder to all of us to appreciate the short time we have here on earth. Call me if I can help you with anything.*

*Love Delores###imported-begin###Delores A Hefty###imported-end##*

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July 06, 2010 at 06:38 PM



“ I send my sympathy and sorrow of the loss of Russ. I remember him well seeing him again after leaving Howe at are Howe reunions. My blessings to you Shirley and your entire family.

*I graduated with Russ in 1958. I always loved to see him run.*

*Deanna Depositar Wood*

*4912 Candy Spots Court*

*Indianapolis, IN 46237###imported-begin###Deanna Depositar*

*Wood###imported-end##*

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July 06, 2010 at 12:52 PM



“ Shirley, I am so sad to hear of Russ's passing. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. - Shelly Ruthkay###imported-begin###Shelly Ruthkay###imported-end##

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July 06, 2010 at 11:39 AM



“ Dear Shirley,

*Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jan###imported-begin##Jan Arthur###imported-end##*

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July 06, 2010 at 11:16 AM



“ Shirley: Thanks so much for calling and letting us know of Russ's translation to Heaven. We know it will be difficult for you adjusting to missing him. However, we all will join him at some point and will rejoice together for a long time. Hallelujah! Remember, we love you but more than that, Jesus loves you and will never leave you nor forsake you. Blessings, Jodie and Tess###imported-begin##Jodie and Tess Galloway###imported-end##

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July 05, 2010 at 09:50 PM



“ Our prayers are with Russ's family during this difficult time. May God's blessings be with you all and help you along. Russ was a tremendous help to my father Gerald and my husband and I during a difficult time in my dad's life. His kindness was certainly appreciated. A very nice man who did so much for others, God Bless.###imported-begin##Laura and Tim###imported-end##

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July 05, 2010 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear Lash Family,  
My deepest condolences go out to you. You have cared for and seen Russ in a hard stage at the end of his life. We know he now is in a better place, but will be deeply missed by you and all his friends.  
My heart goes out to all of you and praying that God will wrap his ever loving arms around you and comfort you during this difficult time and in the days, weeks, and months ahead.  
The dedication, love and support by Russ will always be remembered by those he touched.  
God Bless You!  
Sandy Todd###imported-begin##Sandy Todd###imported-end##*

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July 04, 2010 at 02:02 PM



“ *sorry to learn of russ passing away. our deepest sympathy to shirley and all of russ's family and friends. he will be remembered by all.###imported-begin##gloria and dick wiseman###imported-end##*

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July 04, 2010 at 01:39 PM