



## Carl A. Horstman, Sr.

October 1, 1916 - June 3, 2012

Carl A. "Pop" Horstman, Sr., passed away Sunday, June 3, 2012. He was born on October 1, 1916 to the late William August and Mary Johanna (Moore) Horstmann. A lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Evansville, he served as a Deacon, was on the Property Board including serving as Chairman, and also helped maintain the buildings and grounds of the Church and school buildings for years.

After meeting a wonderful redheaded, country girl, Amelia G. Niemeier, at the Saturday night dances at Crystal Heights Dance Hall, on June 23, 1943 while on a short leave from the military before heading overseas, he married into the St. Philip Catholic Church family and upon his return from his military service, quickly learned to love the country life. He never abandoned his Lutheran Faith, but he fully supported his adopted Church as a Charter Member of the St. Philip Men's Club, serving as Treasurer and Historian, worked at the annual Summer Socials, the monthly Smorgasbords, the famous St. Philip Burgoo, the Fun Fests (Bierstubes), and many work groups formed to fix up and maintain the buildings and grounds of the church and school. He served as an officer of the St. Philip PTO and represented the school before the Posey County School Board. He and Amelia were chosen to the Brute Society representing St. Philip Church, being recognized as stellar examples of good Christian stewardship. In spite of raising a large family on a single income, he continued throughout his life to contribute financially and

equally to both churches.

During the Great Depression, Pop worked at Lincoln and Ferdinand State Parks as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC Camps) where he picked up the skills to help him build his own home following his marriage to "Melie". Pop was a WWII Veteran, having served in England, France and Belgium in the Army Medical Corps. He was a life member of VFW Post #1114.

Upon his return from service he found employment at the U.S. Postal Service. He served for 30 years, before retiring in 1976. He delivered mail on the Westside Area around Broadway and South Red Road. Upon his retirement he stayed very active as an officer of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE); a Board Member of SWIRCA; President of the St. Philip area Senior Citizens Organization and was honored as an Older Hoosier of the Year in 1995 by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. He was a strong advocate for Senior Citizens, attending many political functions, meeting and corresponding regularly with State and Federal legislators.

Many who knew Pop know his real passion was bowling. Upon his return from WWII he joined a bowling league at the request of his brother, Bart and never looked back. Bowling for the next 65 years, he became involved in promoting the sport, including getting most of his children involved and served many of those years as league secretary including 30 years for the Career Associates League at Franklin Lanes; served on the Evansville Men's Bowling Association Board of Directors; and was inducted in the Evansville Bowling Hall of Fame for his many years of service. One of his greatest joys was participating in the Senior Games (a.k.a. the Senior Olympics) where he qualified for the National Games every two years since 1987, winning Silver in the Doubles competition in Syracuse, NY and a Gold in Doubles competition

in 2003 in Hampton Roads, VA. He also participated annually in the River City Senior Games in bowling, horseshoes, washers and clabber as well as the State Senior Games.

Pop was preceded in death by a son, Allan Ray in 1947; by brothers, Herbert, August, Bart and Harold and sisters, infant Gertrude, Frances, Olga Henry and Mary Hall.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Amelia (Niemeier) Horstman; children, Dan (Rosemarie) Horstman; Rose (Cliff – deceased) Backes, Clem (Connie) Horstman, Carl, Jr. (Buffy) Horstman, Tom (Nancy) Horstman, Monica Horstman, Gloria (Mike) McDonald and Martha (Mike) Bohleber; grandchildren, Jeff (Vicky) Horstman, Joanna (Matt) Riney, Bruce (Chastidy) Horstman, Bryan (Leta) Horstman, Brad Horstman, Andy (Mindy) McDonald, Anthony (Addy) McDonald, Paul (Angie) McDonald, Nathan (Annika) McDonald, Audrey, Aaron and Angela McDonald, Matthew (Amanda) Bohleber, Michele Scott and 23 great grandchildren, with a couple of more on the way. He is also survived by a brother, Henry “Hank” Horstman of Evansville; sister, Edna Mae “Masie” Wibbeler of Leesburg, FL and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Carl will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W. Illinois Street, Rev. Sean Esterline officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Philip Church Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:00 A.M. until service time on Thursday at the church.

The family would like to thank the staff at Westpark Rehabilitation Center for their special care of "Pop", the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Philip Legion of Mary and the Corpus Christi Prayer Group for their weekly visits. A special thanks to his frequent religious debater and friend, Father Don Dilger.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Carl's name to, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W. Illinois Street, Evansville, IN 47710 or to St. Philip Catholic Church, 3500 S. St. Philip Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1000 W. Illinois Street  
Evansville, IN

## Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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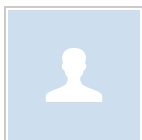
# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl A. Horstman, Sr.*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



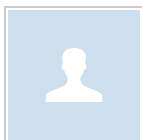
“ *Danny, DJ and all,*

*Sorry to here of your loss.  
What a long and wonderfilled life he had.*

*Love,  
Ted and Tonya Schenk Family###imported-begin###Ted & Tonya  
Schenk###imported-end###*

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June 10, 2012 at 03:41 PM

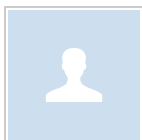


“ *Carl.*

*Our deepest sympathy to you and all your family and your dad's  
friends. Your dad lived a full life, however, that doesn't keep  
everyone close to him from feeling the loss and pain that comes  
with the loss.###imported-begin###Jim & Rita Miller###imported-end###*

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June 07, 2012 at 03:54 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss...sounds like your dad was quite the  
"man" - so active and invovled! He will be missed...###imported-  
begin###Susan Burris###imported-end###*

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June 07, 2012 at 07:59 AM



“ Tom, Nancy and family,  
You guys are in our thoughts and prayers. We love and miss you!!

Love Your Texas Family,  
Sandy, Jess and Jayda###imported-begin###jessica wade###imported-end##

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June 06, 2012 at 12:27 PM



“ To the Horstman family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Cecil cherishes the memories of pop and the boys bowling team. Although we are miles away we think of you often and Cecil tells everyone here all his bowling stories about pop and you guys and how much he enjoyed being a member of the team.###imported-begin###Cecil & Mary Ann Osborne###imported-end##

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June 06, 2012 at 09:28 AM



“ Pop - You were always such a huge inspiration to me, I was always so proud to be your daughter-in-law. You showed me what true Faith, Love and Stewardship really is. Save me a spot on your bowling team in Heaven!!!###imported-begin###Nancy Horstman###imported-end##

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June 06, 2012 at 01:48 AM



“ I am thinking of you all and praying for the whole family.  
I love you all,  
Barb###imported-begin###Barbara J. Hart###imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 11:56 PM



“ Clem,  
You have our deepest sympathy in the passing of your Dad! You and your family are in our prayers.  
May God continue to bless you and yours.##imported-begin##Marshall and Regina Edmonds##imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 10:07 PM



“ To the entire family:  
  
I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad leaves a great legacy in all of you. Your closeness is an inspiration to me and is a comfort during difficult times. I will always cherish the great stories Uncle Carl would take the time to share, and will miss him. Hugs to all, until I see you next.  
Marlene##imported-begin##Marlene Parsley##imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 07:03 PM



“ Thinking of you at this difficult time. We will all cherish the memories of this good man.##imported-begin##Linda and Mike Rosson##imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 06:13 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Monica at this difficult time.##imported-begin##cindy merkley##imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 05:32 PM



“ Hey Carl. Well done good and faithful servant of God, Great husband, father, grand and great grand and brother ..will see you later as God wills my time to join you. To all you others.. You are all in my heart, prayers and thoughts. I am truly sorry I am not physically present. Love all of you even those I have not personally met. Always remember...Jesus loves you and so do I  
Masie###imported-begin##Edna/ Masie###imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 04:28 PM



“ Carl Jr. & Buffy,  
May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.###imported-begin##Jeff Mayes###imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 09:41 AM



“ Monica,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I'm sure that he will be greatly missed. Call if you need anything. Love,  
Gayla###imported-begin##Gayla Werry###imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 09:10 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Tom, he was a great guy and father for you. Let us know if you need anything.

Rod###imported-begin##Rod Haywood###imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 08:48 AM



“ Martha, Mike, Michelle, Matt, all the little Bohlebers, Monica and Danny,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Horstman was an awesome man who left a pretty amazing legacy! Cherish your memories.##imported-begin##Cindi Kueber##imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 08:32 AM



“ With deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort in the days ahead.  
  
Hugs, Cousin Donna##imported-begin##Donna (Bittner) Kavanaugh##imported-end##

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June 05, 2012 at 12:51 AM



“ Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you all.##imported-begin##Kenny and Kay Bohleber##imported-end##

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June 04, 2012 at 10:48 PM