



## JOSEPH FENKER

Joseph J. Fenker, 87, of Auburn, IN, and formally of Big Long Lake, died April 17, 2019 at Dekalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, IN. Joseph was born March 8, 1932 in Fort Wayne. He was the son of the late Joseph and Armella Nix Fenker. Joseph served in the U S Navy during the Korean War. He worked for the Sheet Metal Workers Local 20 for 33 years and retired in 1990. He enjoyed fishing and puzzles and loved his dog Addie. Joseph is survived by his children: Janet (Geary) Hoy of Fort Wayne, IN, Judy (Joe) Hardesty of Auburn, IN, Cheryl (Dave) McGowan of Leo, IN, Joan Gibson of Fishers, IN, Thomas (Karen) Fenker of Spencerville, IN. and Kenneth (Brenda) Fenker of Hamilton, IN; 21 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and 1 on the way. Joseph was preceded in death by his wife, Mary E. Fenker, brothers Robert, Richard and James Fenker, sisters Jane Bero and Carol Fenker. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Saint Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Dr, with calling one hour prior. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 23, 2019, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Divine Mercy Funeral Home, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne with a vigil at 3:30 pm. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorial contributions may be made to St Mary of the Angels Oratory, Hudson, IN.

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**Date of Birth** 1932-03-08

**Date of Death** 2019-04-17

## Comments

**Debbie Anderson** - 2024-01-18 10:53:03

Tom, Ken, Jan, Judy, Cheryl, Joan, My heart goes out to your families in the loss of your father. I regret that I will not be able to attend his services due to conflicting travel arrangements. But I wanted to reach out and let you know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. I loved Uncle Joe's smile. He was a very special, sincere, loving man. Growing up together, we cousins always enjoyed getting together, a lot of good times. As we grew up and started our own families there is one memory that stands out. Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe stopped by our house in Waterloo when Nate was probably around 4 years old. We were not home but later at a family picnic Uncle Joe mentioned to Nate that even though we were not home, he played with all of Nate's toys that had been left out on the deck. Nate at the time did not know what to think but to this day Nate fondly remembers his Great Uncle Joe ! Your dad will be missed dearly but he is home now and with your mom. With love to each of you, Debbie

**Jim Littlejohn** - 2024-01-18 10:52:48

Ken--- Your Mom and Dad were special people. We met them when we were building our home on Big Long lake---and had great times helping each other putting in piers, fishing or just socializing with neighbors. Knowing your Mom and Dad for the 6 years we lived by them was always uplifting and fun. Your Dad and I would send cards and talk on the phone 1-2 times a year after we moved to Arizona---I always looked forward to chatting with him about the changes at the lake. God bless Joe and Mary Fenker---- Jim & Jill Littlejohn