

William E. Rochner

Occupant Name: William E. Rochner

Location: Section P, Lot 4

Date of Birth: 3/10/1912

Date of Death: 3/8/2000

Date of Burial: 3/11/2000

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: G. Carpenter

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



William E. Rochner

March 10, 1912-March 8, 2000

William E. Rochner, 87, of Brownstown died at 10:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at his home after having been ill since December.

Mr. Rochner had owned and operated two gas stations in Brownstown, had been custodian of Brownstown High School and also had been sexton at Fairview Cemetery in Brownstown for many years. After his retirement, he operated Bill and Lill's Antiques throughout Southern Indiana. He played basketball on the 1931 Brownstown High School team which made it to the final 16 at Butler Fieldhouse. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944, training at Great Lakes Naval Station and Norfolk, Va., before being assigned as a cook to the destroyer escort DE449 Hannah. The ship served in the Pacific, escorting troop ships from island to island. He traveled throughout the United States during the last eight years, attending the annual USS Hannah reunion and serving as host for the last reunion in Brown County. He was a member of Brownstown Christian Church, where he had served as a deacon; Brownstown Exchange Club; Brownstown Senior Citizens; Modern Woodmen of America; Brownstown American Legion; Brownstown Veterans of Foreign Wars; and County Seat Fish and Game Club. He also had served on the Brownstown Town Board for 12 years.

Born March 10, 1912, in Jackson County, he was a son of Louis and Rosa Kate Rochner. On Aug. 12, 1933, he married Lillian Marie Collingsworth, who died Sept.

8, 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Brewer, Vallonia, and Mrs. Roger (Joella) Nierman, Brownstown; two sons, Charles Rochner, Brownstown; and Harry Rochner, Brownstown; 11 grandchildren, Denise Schnell, Jeff Brewer, Deb



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Stout, Angela Johnston, Dawn Rochner, Brian Nierman, Jason Nierman, Jill Nierman, Matt Rochner, Heidi Rochner and Lindsy Jo Rochner; and eight great-grandchildren, Christy Schnell, Heather Schnell, Allison Schnell, Daniel Robert Stout, April Johnston, Rachel Johnston, Wyatt Johnston and Shelby Nierman.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Frank Rochner, Charles J. Rochner, Lawrence Rochner, Ralph J. Rochner and Clarence Rochner, and two sisters, Anne M. Green and Clara B. Young.

Doug Nuss and the Rev. Chris Criminger will conduct services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brownstown Christian Church. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Brownstown.

Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Winklepleck-Weesner Funeral Home in Brownstown and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be given to Brownstown Christian Church, the Alzheimer's Association or donor's choice.