



## Ernest R. "Ernie" Heighway

November 25, 1935 - August 22, 2020

FOUNTAIN CITY, Ind. - Ernest R. "Ernie" Heighway, age 84, of Fountain City, Indiana, died Saturday, August 22, 2020, at Reid Health.

Born November 25, 1935, in Akron, Indiana, to Robert O. and Ruth Eleanor Hamilton Heighway, Ernie was a 1953 graduate of Beaver Dam High School in Akron. He was a farmer early in his life. Ernie moved to this area in 1969, where he was a realtor from 1973 to 1982. Ernie then retired in 2001 from Old National Bank and had also worked at U.S. Bank. He was the New Creations Music Director in the early 1970s. Ernie was a member of LifeSpring Church and The Gideons International, serving as the State President for three years. Ernie and Sally took the grandchildren to the Gideons International Convention every year. He enjoyed farming, being outdoors, and volunteering at Reid Health. His grandchildren were very special to him, and he loved attending their school events.

Survivors include his wife, Sally E. Shively Heighway, to whom he was married on April 22, 1956; daughter, Debra Heighway of Fountain City, Indiana; sons, Douglas (Kimberly) Heighway of White House, Tennessee, David (Hila) Heighway of Buckeye, Arizona, and Daniel (Karen) Heighway of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; grandchildren, Ben (Jess) Heighway, Mike (Meg) Heighway, Katelyn (Daniel) Elliott, Kristin (Michael) Parkin, Andrew (Kailey) Heighway, Ally (Troy) Meyers, Jacob Collins, Joshua Collins, and Emily Heighway; seven great-grandchildren with two on the way; sisters, Karen (Larry) Wilson of Montgomery, Indiana, and Sharon (Con) Shewman of Akron, Indiana; brother, Ned (Linda) Heighway of Akron; nieces; nephews; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation for Ernest R. Heighway will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at LifeSpring Church North, 5600 North U.S. 27, Richmond. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at LifeSpring Church North with Pastor David Anderson and Pastor Steve Bray officiating. Please plan to wear your own mask when

entering the church. Burial will be in Goshen Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Doan and Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The Gideons International for the Memorial Bible Fund, P.O. Box 1092, Richmond, IN 47375; LifeSpring Church, 5600 North U.S. 27, Richmond, IN 47374; or Reid Foundation, 1100 Reid Parkway, Richmond, IN 47374.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## Goshen Cemetery

3839 IN-227

Richmond, IN, 47374

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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LifeSpring Church North

5600 North U.S. 27, Richmond, IN, US, 47374

**AUG** **Funeral Ceremony** 10:00AM

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LifeSpring Church North

5600 North U.S. 27, Richmond, IN, US, 47374

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Doan & Mills Funeral Home** - August 24 at 03:51 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss am keeping you in my prayers Sue Jennings Butler

**Sue Jennings Butler** - August 27 at 12:31 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ernie's passing, prayers for Sally and family!

Kyle and Tonya Ross

**Tonya Ross** - August 26 at 08:24 PM

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“ I have many wonderfully fond memories of Ernie -- he was a jewel, a precious brother in Christ, and I will never forget him. We were members together at First Baptist Church, Richmond. As a realtor, he patiently helped in our search for a home. I worked with him at the former Second National Bank, me in Marketing, and he in Mortgage, where he again helped us in our purchase. I moved from Richmond nearly thirty years ago but he and Sally have remained in my heart. One of my best friends here in the Nashville, TN area, Louise Amburn, retired from Gideons International and she sent me the notice (I am a monthly contributor). I know Ernie is with the Lord and we will meet again on the other side. Love to the family, plus prayers.

**Melanie A Chapman** - August 26 at 01:11 PM

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“ The Heighway family is in our prayers.  
Charles Britt, Marketplace Chaplain

**Charles Britt** - August 26 at 12:16 PM

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“ Sally and all the family; We send you our heartfelt sympathies upon Ernie's passing, but we also rejoice with you knowing he is 'renewed & walking on streets of gold' in the presence of Jesus.  
We are sorry we are unable to attend services, but please know our prayers are with you now & for time to come.  
In Christian love & friendship, Richard & Patricia Goshert

Patricia & Richard Goshert - August 26 at 11:38 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to Dan and Karen, and the rest of the family. So sorry for your earthly loss. Praise the Lord that brother Ernie is with the Lord of whom he loved and lived for when he was on earth.

Amelia and Allen

Allen Low - August 26 at 05:38 AM

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“ A great, great guy. Always upbeat. Lived his faith.

tom donat - August 25 at 07:38 PM

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“ Sally I was so sorry to read of Ernie's death this morning. My prayers & thoughts go out to you & family. Ernie was a very special man. We both worked at the bank for many years. He treated all people special. Was a wonderful family man & so dedicated to his beliefs. Will be greatly missed. Mary Jane Miller.

Mary Jane Miller - August 25 at 04:07 PM

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“ Ernie was one of the finest men I've ever met. He treated everyone with dignity and respect. Professionally and personally.

I send prayers to his family and I hope they know that Ernie was an angel on Earth. Peace, love and happiness.

Amy Eilar (Fisher) Jellison - August 25 at 03:14 PM

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“ To the family,  
I met Mr. and Mrs. Heighway through their daughter Debbi when we worked together at Elder Beerman. A wonderful family. So very sorry for your loss. Keep your hand in God's hand and He will see you through.

Sincerely,  
Eddie Baker

**EDWARD BAKER** - August 25 at 03:05 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. I met Ernie in 1970 as a member of the New Creations Choir. I was only active a short time, but I remember Ernie's enthusiasm in serving our Lord and leading our group in songs.

**Tonya (Hall) Sparks** - August 25 at 07:54 AM

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“ Doug and family,  
Paul and I understand it is hard to lose a parent. We pray for your comfort, peace, and good memories as you walk through the grieving process. God will guide and sustain you.  
Paul and Jane Catlin

**Paul and Jane Catlin** - August 24 at 09:50 PM

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“ I met Ernie when I volunteered at Reid. He was such a nice, sweet person. So sorry for your loss.

**Amy Blann** - August 24 at 04:55 PM

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“ 77 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Doan & Mills Funeral Home** - August 24 at 03:48 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for God's comfort as you grieve and joy as you share memories of a life well lived.  
Adria Keuning

**Adria Keuning** - August 24 at 03:42 PM

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“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Ernie. He was such an inspiration to us of the Godliness that he showed in the way that he lived his life. May God comfort your family until we see him again on that great homecoming day.  
God bless,  
Ron & Wanda Pennington

**Ron Pennington** - August 24 at 02:23 PM



“ ...for this teen girl who did not come from a Christian home, Ernie's life lived for the Lord had a huge impact on me. I am so thankful I got to see him at the New Creations' reunion last fall...and say thank you to both he and Sallie. My life was blessed by knowing them. --  
Joyce (Booker) Bailey, Grand Jct., CO

**Joyce E Bailey** - August 25 at 12:20 AM



“ Sally, Anne and I are saddened by your loss. God bless you and the family. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Pennington

**Dr Robert Pennington** - August 26 at 10:36 AM

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“ Please accept our deepest condolence for your earthly loss. We rejoice with you that Ernie is now with Jesus and our hope is to see him once again in Glory.  
Sincerely,  
Dave and Jae Lacy

**Dave Lacy** - August 24 at 10:53 AM

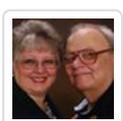
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“ We are praying for your family this week. Ernie's life is an inspiration to so many and it will continue to be so.

**Darrell & Diane Kuipers** - August 24 at 10:29 AM

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“ Doug & Kim: Sorry to hear this news. He was an icon of the community. His contributions will be long remembered and sorely missed.

---Debi Toschlog Brim

Debi Toschlog Brim - Indiana - August 24 at 10:13 AM

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“ Grandpa and Grandma Highway and my husband and I (Dave & Patty Parkin - Michael Parkin's parents - Kristens husband) met for the first time about 9 years ago. We were near Indianapolis IN and we met there as the Grandparents had held Kristin's waterbed and we were picking up the contents for Kristin in preparation for their wedding in 2011.

It was a joy to meet them. Both men (and one of our sons) worked hard to unpack carefully Kristin's life possessions and carefully and meticulously pack them into our van. A man of strong character and full of love for his family and The Lord Jesus, we enjoyed sweet fellowship that day. Sally and I spoke of many things and have much common ground on strong faith and love of family.

Sometimes a brief moment in life leave an everlasting memory and that day of joy and working together for the next generation will forever be a treasure for us.

Sincere and loving condolences to the family as they grieve and celebrate this man of love and grace. And walk with Grandma Sally as she adjusts through this painful cycle of life. It's the most important of times to be close and unified as family.

We pray as you walk this road. Yet rejoice, as we know he belongs to Jesus.

With the Love of Jesus,  
Dave & Patty Parkin.

Dave & Patty Parkin - August 24 at 02:35 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Precious memories of Ernie and his work in Gideons International. I am thankful that GOD allowed our paths to cross. Will certainly be praying for the family.

Jack Rudy - August 23 at 10:17 PM

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“ My prayers for your entire family. Sharon Mapes

Sharon Mapes - August 23 at 09:52 PM

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“ Ernie was a great friend, neighbor, and father. I feel lucky to have grown up next door to him. He was always looking for ways to help others. I hope the family finds comfort in knowing he is with Jesus. He was such a good man.

Kathy Pollock

Kathy Pollock - August 23 at 09:09 PM

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“ I worked with Ernie in the real estate business and he was the most kind, caring and special person I ever new. He always had a smile anytime you saw him. He taught me some much about the Lord. Prayers to all the family.

Sue Nixon - August 23 at 04:48 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Whitney Lantz and the Doan & Mills Staff - August 23 at 04:17 PM



“ Ernie was a special friend and confidant over many years. He will be missed.very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and the family. Ed and Nancy Pollock

Ed Pollock - August 23 at 04:55 PM



“ Ernie ws a very special brothere. One I went to for advice and consultastion. Always showed his love for the Lord. Coon and I will miss him terrobly. sending Love to the family. Sister, Sherri and Con Shewman.

Sharon Shewman - August 23 at 09:17 PM



“ Ernie and Sally were great friends while we were in Richmond and we continued to correspond after we left. He made a difference in our lives and countless other's through his work in the Gideon's. I know he will be missed by his family but this life is just a whisper in the wind and the next will come for all of us shortly. We know Ernie is in Heaven and we look forward to seeing him again.

Harry - August 23 at 09:58 PM



“ Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thought and prayers .It was an honor to work with Ernie and I respected and looked up to him.

Sue Brooks(Firth) - August 23 at 10:32 PM



“ I worked with Ernie at Otto Realty he was a great man ,he didn,t have to say a word you knew he so loved the .  
Lord .

My god bless you in this time  
George Chamberlin

G.R. Chamberlin - August 24 at 08:32 AM



“ Doug & Kim,

Sorry to hear of your father's passing. As you grieve, I hope you'll also be comforted by memories of happy times with him.

Gail (Thatcher) Stanley

**Gail Stanley** - August 24 at 09:19 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ernie was truly a man after God's own heart. He was a man of great wisdom and grace. For me Ernie Highway was the embodiment of the phrase, "preach at all times and when necessary use words." Heaven's gain is our loss. My prayers are with Sally and the entire family.

**Rob** - August 24 at 09:04 PM