



Dennis Heeke

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812-482-4141 Dateline Dubois, Indiana Dennis H. Heeke, former Indiana State Representative - age 81, Dubois, Indiana, died at 4:54 a.m. Friday August 14, 2009, Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center in Jasper. He was born at Dubois, Indiana on September 9, 1927 to Theodore and Clara (Theising) Heeke. Married Leola Schuler on May 9, 1950 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland.

Surviving,

Wife, Leola

4 sons,

Terry Heeke & Spouse Sandy

Garret Heeke & Spouse Bonnie

Bruce Heeke & Spouse Denise

Brian Heeke & Spouse Kris all of Dubois, In

7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren

2 sisters, Mrs. Pat (Hilda) Schmitt

Helen Mehringer both of Ireland, In

1 brother, Eugene Heeke, Dubois, IN

Preceding him in death are 1 son Kevin Heeke and 1 brother Herman Heeke.

Dennis Heeke served as an Indiana State representative for 34 years from 1964 to 1998. He served as caucus chairman for 22 years and a member of

the Legislative council. He was instrumental in development of the Patoka Reservoir and organizing the Wabash Valley Association later served as President of the Association .Also help organize the Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District. He served on the Wabash Valley Interstate Commission between Indiana and Illinois as an appointee of Gov. Roger Brannagan and Gov. Ed. Whitcomb. He was awarded the outstanding young farmer of Dubois County in 1959. He was an organizer of the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department and served as its president. He was a past – Advisory Board member of Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center in Jasper. He also was a member of the Dubois Development Corporation. He is a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Dubois, Charter member of the Dubois Community Club and served as it president . Charter member of the Dubois Jaycee's. Jasper Knight of Columbus, Jasper Moose Club, Dubois County Museum and served as a board member. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Otis Bowen and Gov. Robert Orr and received the Kentucky Colonel Distinction. Funeral services for Dennis Heeke will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday (August 17, 2009) in St. Raphael Catholic Church with burial to follow in St. Raphael Cemetery.

Friends may call from 11-8 p.m. Sunday at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Raphael's Catholic Church or to Dubois Community Park or a favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Heeke*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *To the Heeke Family, I was so very sad to learn Representative Heeke had passed away. I was an staff member of the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Legislative Council during the late 1960 and into the 1970s. He was always most kind to the "new kids" and shared his knowledge with us all when we asked for his help. He was a good, good person. We are all better for knowing him during some point in our lives. Thank you Heeke family for sharing him with the rest of the state of Indiana. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Sincerely,
Teresa Poynter Watson
Lebanon, IN*

Teresa Poynter Watson - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM