



## Stephen A. Free

February 5, 1919 - December 7, 2015

GREENFIELD – Stephen A. Free, age 96, of Greenfield, died on Monday, December 7, 2015 at Golden Living Center Brandywine, Greenfield. He was born on February 5, 1919 in Spencer, IN as the son of James A. and Juel M. (Cochrane) Free.

He was a graduate of Indiana University and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. After the war he graduated from the Indiana University School of Law, and practiced in Greenfield until his retirement. Mr. Free was a member of the Hancock County Bar Association, American Legion and Elks.

Stephen is survived by his daughter, Susan (Roy) McAmis of Greenfield, granddaughters, Elizabeth McAmis of Greenfield, Katherine (Sean) Gallagher of San Diego and Sarah McAmis of Greenfield; daughter-in-law, Kathleen (Stephen) Free of Hanover, IN; and beloved great-grandchildren, James, Emily and Vivian. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. and Juel M. (Cochrane) Free; wife, Marian (Combs) Free; and son, Stephen H. Free.

A memorial celebration is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent directly to Hancock County Public Library, 900 W McKenzie Rd, Greenfield, IN 46140. Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](http://www.erleweinmortuary.com) or email condolences to [sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com](mailto:sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield.

# Comments

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“ Dear Susan and family,  
Your parents meant so much to our family! When Michael and I moved to Greenfield in 1971, when Michael joined the law firm, your mom and dad made us feel so welcome. This was when the firm was Ging, Free, and Brand. Those days have long passed, but the kindness your parents showed us will always be remembered. We have many wonderful memories of your dad and mom.  
As your dad aged, we often visited at Marsh. He was so proud of you and your family. I felt blessed to see your dad at Brandywine where we shared memories and laughter. I know he was growing tired, and he is now, with your mom, Marian. Two wonderful people! The last day I spoke to Steve was last Thursday. Steve always knew me, even in the end days. He spoke of you, and said, "my daughter, Susan, is the best daughter in the world."  
Always the gentleman, always a loving father, grandfather.  
God bless all of you, and our deepest sympathy.  
Janet and Michael Tosick and family

Janet Tosick - December 15, 2015 at 03:40 PM

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“ My mother, Martha Binford, and I send condolences to the family of Stephen Free. I hope all his ninety-six years were good ones. We remember him and Marian fondly, even though we have been out of touch for many years. We wish you comfort in the memories of them both.  
Elizabeth L. Binford

Elizabeth L. Binford - December 12, 2015 at 07:51 PM

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“ I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Free. He worked with my mom, Lois Cecil Schaeckel, for many years during proceedings at the courthouse and she always thought very highly of him. I got to know him when he would bring his car down from time to time for repairs. He was a genuinely kind and honest individual. My condolences to his family.

Michael "Mick" Cecil, Sr. - December 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ Mr. Free was my attorney in the early 60's. Always a great man and friend and I will never forget him. Saw him at the library a few times in the recent past enjoying the music. God bless all the family.

Joyce Tuxhorn - December 10, 2015 at 01:51 PM



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“ Donna Rhodes Rust lit a candle in memory of Stephen A. Free



**Donna Rhodes Rust** - December 10, 2015 at 06:57 AM

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“ I will forever miss this sweet man and his smile. He could also brighten my day with his "Hello Love" greeting first thing in the morning. It was a privilege to care for him. Prayers for the whole family.  
Julie Hartgrove

**Julie Hartgrove** - December 09, 2015 at 12:52 PM



“ Thank you, Julie. You took wonderful care of him, and we are very thankful for the love you gave him.

**Susan** - December 09, 2015 at 09:58 PM



“ Julie, you brightened his day, each and every day that you cared for him.

**Kathleen Walsh Free** - December 10, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ We will miss this wonderful man. I always enjoyed seeing him when we were up during the holidays. Sweet, kind , brave, generous. May his memory keep us smiling. The Florida Walsh family.

**Liz Walsh** - December 10, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ Ruth Williamson was right when she spoke of your mother and father; "every town needs good people like the Frees" and they were so nice. Susan, it is so great that your dad found such joy in your grandchildren. It was always a pleasure to see him at Marsh. He was just so fatherly and you have been blessed to have a dad like him and have him in your life for all of the years. I will always remember being at mcdonalds and your dad and a precious five year old Sarah were dining. She had food all over her face and I offered to give her a napkin. He said he would wait as there was no use in doing anything until she was finished. That was so funny. You are all in my thoughts and I will see you soon. So sorry for your loss.

Deborah Doty

**Deborah Doty** - December 10, 2015 at 11:34 AM