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Ronald Max Byerly was born on December 23, 1931 in Kirkland Township in Decatur, Indiana to Victor and Alta Byerly. Ronald grew up on a farm, and continued farming through the duration of his life. He grew up in Kirkland Township, and lived there his entire life. He married Donna Bucher on January 25, 1951. They had six children: Jayne, Cheryl, Rhonda, Brian, Kristie, and Kevin. Kevin died as an infant. This was the toughest hardship he encountered through the course of his life. Kevin passed away when he was 18 days old of a bowel block. They operated twice, but it wasn't successful. Ronald bought quite a bit of farmland and started his own farm with his wife: By-Bu Farms. He was a very successful farmer. He belonged to Pleasant Dale Church. His grandfather, Jesse Byerly, started the church. Even though he was a member of Pleasant Dale, he attended St Paul Lutheran Church with his family. He died in a tragic farm accident in March of 1983 on the family farm. He was buried in Pleasant Dale Cemetery (Steele Cemetery) in Decatur, Indiana.

Liter, Darin. Personal Interview. 17 Oct. 2013.

Barger, Sharon. Personal Interview. 17 Oct. 2013.

Byerly, Donna. Personal interview. 16 Oct. 2013.

