

Charles Edward Ripley

By Eric Ripley

### Charles Edward Ripley

Charles (Chuck) Edward Ripley, my dad's father, was born on April 12, 1932 in Blue Creek Township near Decatur in Adams County, Indiana. Charles is the son of Leland A. and Midge C. Ripley. Charles' siblings include Enid, Marcus, John, Roger, Pauline, Thomas, Michael, and David. Chuck graduated in the Class of 1950 from Pleasant Mills High School.

From 1952-54, Charles served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Chuck was married to Norma Davis in Huntington, Indiana on April 15, 1956. Their children are Micheal, Mitchael, and Mark Ripley. Chuck and his family moved to Allen County and lived there for many years and then eventually settled in Marshall County in Plymouth, Indiana. Charles was a lifetime member of the Union United Methodist Church in Adams County, and was also active in the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Chuck worked for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance as a claims adjustor, supervisor, and regional claims manager for 41 years. From the 70s-90s, he was on the Board of Directors for I-ACT(Indiana Anti-Car Theft Committee). Chuck served as a City Councilman for three-terms in Plymouth as Chairman of the Solid Waste District and eight years on the City Insurance Committee and Center Township Advisory Board.

My grandpa passed away on October 14, 2013. He died early in the morning at his home in Plymouth. It is unknown of what caused this but classified as natural causes. He was 81 when he passed away. Charles Edward Ripley was a great man and a role model that I looked up to.

### Works Cited

Ripley, Michael. Personal Interview. 13 Oct. 2013.