



Harold L. Souder

April 17, 1934 - January 1, 2026

Harold Laverne Souder, 91, a life-long Rush County resident, passed away Thursday, January 1, 2026, at Rush Memorial Hospital, Rushville, Indiana. Harold lived a long and fulfilling life rooted in family, service, and the land he loved.

Harold was born on April 17, 1934, in Rush County, IN to Howard and Stella (Irvine), both deceased. Harold married Carol D Sherwood on February 8, 1957, at the First Christian Church in Victorville, California and Carol passed on August 27, 2002. They enjoyed 45 years of a happy marriage with their five children, Teresa, Cathy, Cindy, Shari, and Steve.

He was a Carthage High School graduate in the Class of 1952. Harold was drafted and served two years active duty, and eight years inactive duty in the United States Army. On active duty, he was stationed at Fort Irwin Army Base, in the High Mojave Desert, California. Harold proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; his military service reflected the same sense of duty and honor that he carried throughout his life.

Harold lived most of his life in Rush County as a lifelong farmer; Harold dedicated his days to working the soil of Indiana with steadfast commitment and pride. His deep connection to the land was more than an occupation—it was a way of life that shaped his values and grounded his family. Through

decades of changing seasons and tireless labor, he cultivated not only crops but also a legacy of perseverance and integrity. Harold and Carol farmed throughout their married life – side by side, working together to build up the family farm that is now in its fifth generation.

He was immensely proud of the family's sweet corn business – Souder Farms Sweet Corn, started by his son, Steve in 1985 with guidance from Mom, Carol and Dad, Harold. He enjoyed visiting all the customers that came to the farm and making deliveries of the frozen sweet corn or promoting the business to anyone that he met. He loved celebrating the 40th Anniversary in 2025.

Harold was a great storyteller, always had a story to tell. He might stretch the tale as he told it, but that is what we loved about the moment. His deep commitment to friendships and family throughout his life created those stories – his memory was incredible. Harold was an Indiana University, and a Cincinnati Reds baseball fan. He loved the Indianapolis Colts and Indiana Pacers, mainly a fan of all sports. He really enjoyed the Rose Bowl Parade and the Rose Bowl game and was really looking forward to this year's game! Harold and Carol enjoyed traveling throughout many states in their lifetime. He and Carol instilled traveling in each of his children, taking us on many adventures.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Carol Dean (Sherwood) and daughter Teresa Bonne (husband Michael) and by his parents Howard and Stella Souder, his sisters, Majorie Miller and Betty McCorkle. Their memories remained close to Harold's heart throughout his later years.

Harold is lovingly remembered by his children: Cathy Pratt (husband Greg), Cindy Newkirk (husband James), Shari Davis (husband Bruce), and Steve Souder (wife Holly). He was a proud grandfather to Zach Beckner (wife Rachel), Jacob Bonne, (partner Adam) Jeremy Pratt (wife Shandi), Jennifer Matney (wife Morgan), Mackenzie Pratt, Emily Piper, Shannon Morrow

(husband Ryan), Bradley Davis (fiancé Kirstin Hersley), Cara Dean Souder, and Cayla Jo Souder. His joy extended to the next generation as well, he cherished his great-grandchildren Elley Piper, Addilyn Beckner, Elaina Piper, Whittaker Beckner, Aiden Morrow, and Cillian Pratt.

A funeral service honoring Harold's life will be held Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 10 AM in Moster Mortuary with Pastor John Wall presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 4 PM-8 PM on Wednesday evening, January 7, at the mortuary. Burial will be held in Glen Cove Cemetery, Knightstown, Indiana.

May Harold Laverne Souder's memory bring comfort to those who knew him and serve as a lasting tribute to a life well lived.

Memorials: Rush Memorial Hospital or American Heart Association; in Harold's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3914
info@mostermortuary.com
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Burial

JAN 8.

Glen Cove Cemetery
Knightstown, IN

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Duane Sherwood & Donna Jean Parrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Souder.

Duane Sherwood & Donna Jean Parrett - January 08 at 08:54 AM

KM

“ Kelly And Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Souder



Kelly and Susie McClure - January 07 at 07:41 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harold L. Souder.



January 07 at 10:21 AM

TT

“ Tony and Jodie Travis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Souder.

Tony and Jodie Travis - January 07 at 10:21 AM

SC

“ Thinking of Shari and family during this difficult time! 🙏🏻🙏🏻



Sally Collyer - January 07 at 09:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold L. Souder.



January 06 at 03:20 PM

BM

“ Bob and Debby Monger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Souder.

Bob and Debby Monger - January 06 at 03:20 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Harold L. Souder.



January 06 at 02:46 PM

DN

“ *Deb and Marrice Newkirk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Souder.*

Deb and Marrice Newkirk - January 06 at 02:46 PM

DB

“ *Danny Bennett lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Souder*



Danny Bennett - January 05 at 11:57 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold L. Souder.*



January 05 at 09:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold L. Souder.*



January 04 at 02:38 PM

TF

“ *The Hiner Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold L. Souder.*



The Hiner Family - January 04 at 02:06 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all in the days ahead.*



Rhonda Canada - January 04 at 08:42 AM

DR

“ *Don Rolfe lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Souder*



Don Rolfe - January 03 at 11:32 AM

RE

“ *Rick P Edwards lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Souder*



Rick P Edwards - January 03 at 10:23 AM

JM

“ James M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold L. Souder.



James M. - January 02 at 03:40 PM

JM

“ James M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold L. Souder.

James M. - January 02 at 03:40 PM

DR

“ David J Wood, RRT lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Souder



David J Wood, RRT - January 02 at 01:43 PM