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Lloyd J Laut

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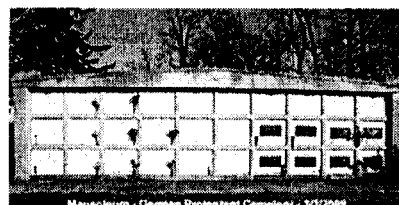
Lloyd, 105, died at 8:50 a.m., at [Otterbein St. Marys Retirement Community](#).

He was a son of Clarence and Luetta (Speckman) Laut. On Jan 17, 1924, he married Esther Hoepfer, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Deceased are two daughters, Shirley Jane Werling and Joyce Ann Hauck; a brother, Arnold; two sisters, Jeannette Bertke and Lorraine Blanke; and a grandson.

He worked for the former Creamery Patron Printery, the former Leader Printing Company, St. Marys, The Lima News, The New Bremen Sun and the Evening Leader, St. Marys. He retired from the American Budget Company, in 1968 after serving as president and chairman of the board. He was elected mayor of New Bremen in 1954, and served three successive two-year terms, and two four-year terms on the New Bremen Local Schools Board of Education. A 1920 New Bremen High School graduate, he was a member, past trustee and secretary of St. Paul United Church of Christ, New Bremen. He was the first president of the Mercer-Auglaize County Baseball League, New Bremen, business manager and officer of the Ohio/Indiana Semi-Pro Baseball League, general business manager of the Western Ohio Semi-Pro Baseball League, one of the organizers and members of the New Bremen Rod and Gun Club and the Home Benefit Association of New Bremen. He also was past president of the New Bremen Parent Teacher Association, a member of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton and Antioch Temple, both of Dayton, Auglaize-Mercer Shrine Club, past trustee of the Mercer County Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge Golf Association, New Bremen Historic Association, past president of the German Township

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Mausoleum Association and past president and treasurer of the Ohio Consumer Loan Association.

Services are at Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home, New Bremen, the Rev. Leah Matthews officiating.

Family links:

Parents:

Clarence H Laut (1879 - 1980)

Luetta M *Speckmann* Laut (1881 - 1967)

Spouse:

Esther E *Hoepfer* Laut (1903 - 1993)

Children:

Shirley Jane *Laut Wierwille* Werling (1929 - 1977)*

Joyce Ann *Laut Conner* Hauck (1932 - 2000)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

German Protestant Cemetery

New Bremen

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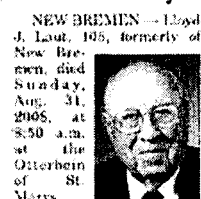
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Lloyd J. Laut



NEW BREMEN — Lloyd J. Laut, 105, formerly of New Bremen, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008, at 8:50 a.m. at the Otterbein of St. Marys.

He was born Dec. 16, 1902, in New Bremen, the son of Clarence and Luetta (Speckmann) Laut. On Jan. 17, 1924, he married Esther Hoepfer, who died Feb. 25, 1993.

Survivors include six grandchildren, Michael (Lisa) Wierwille, Eugene, Calif.; John (Sandra) Wierwille, New Bremen; Kay (Mike) Pax, Coldwater, L. Douglas (Merrie) Conner, Portage, Mich.; Craig (Betsy) Conner, Cincinnati; and Kim (Greg) Polard, Dayton. Also surviving are 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his two daughters, Shirley Jane Werling and Joyce Ann Hauck; one grandson, Rick Wierwille; one brother, Arnold Laut; and two sisters, Jeannette Berke and Lorraine Blucke.

Mr. Laut graduated from New Bremen High School in 1920. In his early years he chose to learn the printing trade and worked for the Creamy Patten Printery, the Leader Printing Co., the Luna News, The New Bremen Sun and the Evening Leader. In 1936 he joined the American Budget Co., retiring in 1968 after being the president and chairman of the Board.

He was active in local government, having been elected mayor of New Bremen in 1954 and serving three successive two-year terms. He also was elected to the Board of Education of New Bremen Schools for two four-year terms, being chairman the last four years.

Lloyd was involved in many organizations throughout his life. He was a member and past trustee and secretary of St. Paul United Church of Christ, New Bremen. He was the

first president of the Mercer/Auglaize County Baseball League, New Bremen business manager and officer of the Ohio/Indiana Semi-Pro Baseball League, general business manager of the Western Ohio Semi-Pro Baseball League, one of the organizers and lifetime member of the New Bremen Red and Gun Club and the Home Benefit Association of New Bremen. He was past president of the New Bremen Parent Teacher Association, a member of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mason of Ohio and 60-year pin recipient, Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton, Antioch Temple AAONMS of Dayton, Auglaize-Mercer Shrine Club, past trustee of the Mercer County BPOE Lodge 3479, Golf Association, New Bremen Historical Association charter member, German Township Manuscript Association past president and past president and treasurer of the Ohio Consumer Loan Association.

Mr. Laut was and avid golfer, fisherman and baseball fan. He was recognized by many people throughout the county. He received numerous honors and awards throughout his long life but he was most proud of receiving the Ohio Consumer Finance Association Lifetime Achievement Award, being the Bremenfest grand marshal in 1982 and receiving the Auglaize County Outstanding Senior Citizen Award in 1999. He was loved, admired and respected. His endless stories filled all with history, laughter and lessons of life. Lloyd Laut will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home, New Bremen, with the Rev. Leah Matthews officiating. Entombment will follow in the German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, from 6 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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