

Thursday, September 4, 2008

Obitu

Lloyd J. Laut

Lloyd J. Laut, formerly of New Bremen, died on Sunday, September 3, 2008, after a brief illness. He was 80 years old. Mr. Laut served on the Board of Education of New Bremen Schools for two 4-year terms, being chairman the last four years.

Mr. Laut was involved in many organizations throughout his life. He was a member and past trustee and secretary of St. Paul United church of Christ in 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 life time member of the New Bremen Rod 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, OH., Antioch Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Dayton, OH., Auglaize-Mercer Shrine Club, past trustee of the Mercer County B.P.O.E. Lodge 2170 Golf Association, New Bremen Historic Association Charter Member, German Twp. Mausoleum 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 honor and awards throughout his long life but he was most proud of receiving the Ohio Consumer Finance Association Life-time Achievement Award, being the Bremenfest Grand Marshall in 1982 and receiving the Auglaize Co. 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, September 4, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home in New Bremen with Rev. Leah Matthews officiating. Entombment will follow in the German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen. Calling hours will be on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice