



## Herbert Rink

March 1, 1920 - November 6, 2011

ADRIAN – Herbert L. Rink, 91, of Adrian, passed away Sunday, November 6, 2011, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility.

He was born March 1, 1920, in Adrian, the son of Frank and Mary (LaGore) Rink. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1938, and received a bachelor's degree from Adrian College in 1942.

On March 6, 1942, Herbert married Virginia Wonder in Adrian. Herb and Virginia celebrated 54 years of marriage prior to her death in 1996.

Herb was a letter carrier for the US Postal Service for 30 years, retiring in 1979. He also worked part-time as a bookkeeper for Hurd Locke Company.

Herb was a 56 year member and an ordained Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church. For the past few years he lived at Grand Court, which he considered as his "home away from home". He was an avid Detroit Tiger fan and enjoyed watching The Lawrence Welk Show. Herb was a devoted friend and enjoyed visiting his friends in nursing homes as well as in their residences.

He is survived by his children: Barbara (Michael) Mohler of Adrian; Mary Ann (Terry) Fitzgerald of Orrville, OH; Susan Arbaugh of Toledo, OH; Stephen

(Clarice) Rink of Adrian; David (Gloria) Rink, also of Adrian; Thomas (Pamela) Rink of Tulsa, OK; Judy (Michael) Buckenmyer of Liberty Twp., OH; and Laura Rink of Royal Oak; 21 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Vera Rink and Katherine Suydam, both of Adrian.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, James, and a brother, Donald.

A memorial celebration of Herb's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Adrian with the Reverends James and Kathleen Splitt officiating. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home on Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. Contributions in memory of Herb may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, the Alzheimer's Association, or the charity of the donor's choice. You may also send condolences to the family at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
156 E. Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert Rink*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Your father was a remarkable man whom I doubt thought of himself that way. Nine Children, and the inner and outer fortitude of a mailman, neither sleet, nor rain, nor dark of night daunted him in a metaphorical sense as well as in his occupation. Uncle Herb was as steady as it gets. He and your mother made a remarkable team.##imported-begin##Patti Jean Abbett Casteel##imported-end##*

November 16, 2011 at 04:26 PM



“ *Grandpa rink when i was a little girl u always showed me luv. and made me feel like family. thank u for being so kind hearted. u r truly a great person! luv bianca!##imported-begin##Bianca Moreno##imported-end##*

November 16, 2011 at 11:17 AM



“ *Uncle Herbie, You have done may wonderful things you should be so proud of in your lifetime. BUT the proudest and most honorable is the love you gave your wife, Virginia and the wonderful humble beautiful children you raised. I will love you always and I am so blessed to have had you in my life.##imported-begin##Janet (Jannie Kay) Brown ##imported-end##*

November 15, 2011 at 09:29 AM



“ I thank you hmbly for sharing your wisdom JJWY##imported-begin##Martha##imported-end##

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November 15, 2011 at 12:42 AM



“ I'm living in New Orleans now, and I heard from my mother about your father. I remember him being very kind, and also a bit of a straight faced joker. I am sorry for your loss, and I hope you and yours are well. All my best wishes to you. Chuck##imported-begin##Charles Braun##imported-end##

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November 13, 2011 at 01:54 PM



“ Tommy,  
Living in Virginia now and just happened across news of your Dad's passing. Am in the death care business myself and deal with loss every day. Just know that Dad is in a better place, no longer suffering and that I send my thoughts along to you and your family. Best wishes Steve##imported-begin##Steve Brown##imported-end##

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November 12, 2011 at 12:37 PM



“ Susan,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Even though I never met your dad I always enjoyed hearing about your visits with him over the past months. Your many memories of him will sustain you through this difficult time and many years to come. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Pat Landrum##imported-end##

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November 11, 2011 at 06:16 AM



“ *Mr Rink was our mailman for years on Rice street and I went to school with Mary. Thinking of you at this time. Rosaetta Vaughn Fields Emporia Kansas##imported-begin##Rosaetta Vaughn Fields##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ *Mr. Rink (Herb) was a good man, a good citizen, a good friend, and a very good neighbor. Our sympathy and love to the Rink family and may Peace comfort you in your moment of grief. Herb will be missed, but the joy of his life lives on in our hearts.##imported-begin##Julia Rhea; Rufus, Jr., and Jennifer##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2011 at 06:17 PM



“ *You are in our Thought's & Prayer's in this time of sorrow. God Bless the whole family.##imported-begin##Mr & Mrs Lopez & Family##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2011 at 06:06 PM



“ *A quiet man, a good man, a strong man...these are the images that come to mind when I think of my uncle, Herb Rink. To Susie, Barb, Mary Ann, Judy, Laura, Steve, Dave, Tom, and everyone lucky enough to know him...it's not the fact that he's gone that counts...it's how fortunate we were to have him for so long. The sorrow will fade; the love and pride will not.##imported-begin##Neal Stannard (nephew of deceased)##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ Steve and Clarice,  
Always difficult to lose a parent, even one that lived a long and full life. May it comfort you to know that we share in your sorrow. In Christ's Love, Lin and Steve##imported-begin##Steve and Linda Klein##imported-end##

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November 09, 2011 at 01:40 PM



“ In the mid 1960's, the Rinks, Couringtons, and other neighborhood kids invented the game of "tennis racket funball". We played it for hours and hours on end on the tennis court at Garfield School. It was whiffle ball, which is the same as baseball played with a plastic ball and bat. Instead of the plastic bat, we used a tennis racket. I've never heard of anyone else playing a game like this, and so, I feel a bit proud and special to be able to say that we invented the game. This memorial is to thank my father for providing the tennis rackets and funballs. Without him, tennis racket funball would never have become a reality.##imported-begin##David Rink##imported-end##

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November 08, 2011 at 10:26 PM



“ Susie:

So sorry to hear about your dad. Mine was 91 when he passed away in 1995. Still miss them both. Will be keeping you in thoughts and prayers.

Sammie##imported-begin##Kay Hershman (Sammie)##imported-end##

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November 08, 2011 at 07:26 PM



“ *My sympathy to all of the Rink family.  
Barb, Mike had mentioned to me how much you had been caring for  
your Dad. An extra big hug for you.  
It is a sad time and loss no matter what the age of a parent.  
May your families remember good times and cherish memories.  
You are in my prayers.  
Debby###imported-begin##Debby Pellowe###imported-end##*

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November 08, 2011 at 05:09 PM



“ *To Herb's family,  
We are so sorry to learn of your loss.  
Herb was a dear gentleman who was devoted to his wonderful  
family and the church. You are all a lasting and beautiful tribute to  
his memory.  
  
May you find comfort in fond memories of good times together.  
  
We are sorry the distance from North Carolina prevents us from  
being with you at this special time.###imported-begin##Bill and Kathy  
Green###imported-end##*

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November 08, 2011 at 12:59 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father. Your dad  
was our mailman for so many years it seemed like he was an  
extended part of the family.###imported-begin##Debbie  
Palmer###imported-end##*

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November 08, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ My dad was a great husband, father, teacher neighbor and friend who touched many lives in his 91 years and will be missed more than he ever could have imagined. There is a huge hole in my heart now but I also have countless wonderful memories that will help heal it. I am at peace knowing he is comfortable and no longer suffering; the last few years, and especially the past few months and weeks have been tough on him as his health declined. Today there is a big celebration in Heaven with our Dad and Mom, brother Jim, Uncle Don, grandparents and many other loved ones our Dad has missed so much for a very long time. Rest in peace, Dad! I love you and miss you! See you when the roses bloom, if not before.##imported-begin##Susan Arbaugh##imported-end##

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November 08, 2011 at 10:52 AM



“ My deepest sympathy is extended to the family on the death of their beloved father.  
May the family find peace in the wonderful example he provided for his family and in his devotion to them.##imported-begin##Marcia A. Buckenmyer##imported-end##

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November 08, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ I love you Dad and will miss you dearly. You were an amazing father-in-law and I couldn't have asked for anyone better.##imported-begin##Pam Rink##imported-end##

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November 07, 2011 at 08:39 PM