

Howard F. Leisure
AEHC featured person for the week of May 16, 2021

Howard Franklin Leisure
May 16, 1911 – October 13, 1979

Born this week in 1911, Howard Franklin Leisure is buried in our cemetery's Section 4, Lot 119, Space 10.

Summary of our research: Howard Franklin Leisure was born in Rush County on May 16, 1911 to Noah Franklin (1884-1968) and Eva (Payne) (1883-1943) Leisure.

Howard's father Noah Franklin Leisure was the son of John Franklin (1853-1930) and Elizabeth (Reddick) (1860-1946) Leisure. John married Elizabeth (Reddick) in 1882. According to Census reports, her parents were from Ohio. John Franklin and Elizabeth Leisure are buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Howard's paternal grandfather John F. Leisure was born in Indiana to Joseph (1806-1891) and Dorinda (Fresh) (1811-1875) Leisure. Howard's great-grandfather Joseph is believed to be from Kentucky, one Census had him born in Virginia. Howard's paternal great-grandmother Dorinda is listed as being born in Kentucky. Their children are listed as being born in Indiana, which would put them in Indiana around 1835ish. Joseph and family are on the 1840 Census as being in Ripley Township. They were living in Posey Township on the 1860 Census. Joseph and Dorinda Leisure are buried in Hannegan Cemetery in Henderson.

Howard's mother Eva (Payne) was the daughter of Alvan (1850-1920) and Martha (Megee) (1849-1913) Payne. Alvan married Martha (Megee) in 1874. According to the Census reports, her father was from Kentucky and her mother was born in Indiana. Martha's obituary listed her brother as Judge John D. Megee. Martha is buried in Rushville East Hill Cemetery. Alvan is buried in Forrest Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville.

Howard's maternal grandfather Alvan was born in Indiana to William J. (1800-1862) and Lavinia (Stone) (1818-1884) Payne. Howard's maternal great-grandfather William was born in Virginia. Howard's maternal great-grandmother Lavinia was born in Pennsylvania. William and Lavinia were married in Franklin County in 1838. William and Lavinia are buried in Pleasant Run Cemetery in New Salem.

Howard's parents Noah Leisure and Eva (Payne) were married in 1907. They farmed in Ripley Township. Eva (Payne) Leisure passed away in 1943. She is buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Noah married Goldie (Brouhard) in 1944.

Noah passed away in 1968. He is buried next to Eva in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Goldie (Brouhard) Leisure married James L. Scott in Hancock County in 1971. She passed away in 1996 and is buried next to her first husband Garrett Brouhard in Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

Howard married Helen Marie (Jackson) (1915-1963) on June 5, 1937. Helen was the daughter of Alden (1887-1943) and Mary (Abrams) (1883-1933) Jackson. Helen's parents are buried in Little Blue River Cemetery.

Howard and Helen had six children. They lived and farmed in Ripley Township. Their son, James Frederick, died shortly after birth in April 1938. Helen Marie (Jackson) Leisure passed away in 1963. She was buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Howard married Veronica (Clemens) Woosley in 1967, she had two children from her previous marriage. After Howard died, Veronica married Lloyd Corn. She died in 1993 and is buried in Kentucky.

Howard Franklin Leisure passed away on October 13, 1979 while working on his farm. He was a 1929 graduate of Carthage High School. Howard had been a member of the East Street Christian Church in Carthage and of the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department. He had belonged to the Rushville Moose and Eagle's Lodges. Howard was also a member of the Pioneer Engineers Club. He was survived by his second wife, Veronica; two sons, David Franklin Leisure (1942-2014) and Lewis Dudley Leisure; three daughters, Wanda (Leisure) Messer (1940-2009), Judy (Leisure) Nelson, and Anita (Leisure) Young (later Stuckey) (1944-2007); two stepchildren, Steven R. Woosley (1951-2002) and Janie (Woosley) Snyder; and twenty-two grandchildren. Howard is buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery between his wife Helen Marie and their son James.

David F. Leisure is buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Wanda Messer was living in Tennessee when she passed away. Anita Stuckey is buried in Ohio. Steven Woosley is buried in Kentucky.

Arlington East Hill Cemetery will acknowledge Howard F. Leisure for serving his community as a First Responder on the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department by placing a First Responder flag at his grave marker for Memorial Day.

(sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, Newspaper archives, and Arlington East Hill Cemetery records)

More information about our cemetery and its history can be found at www.arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com



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