



MERLE O. BUCKLEW, 1914- 1982

The Indianapolis Star, Saturday, November 20, 1982.

Merle O. Bucklew, 68 years, of Crawfordsville, passed away Friday a.m. Husband of Lorene Pigg Bucklew, brother of Wilma and Geraldine Bucklew of Greenwood, IN. Funeral, Powers Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, 1 pm Monday. Burial in Riverside Cemetery, Spencer. Friends may call after 2pm. Sunday.

From the Gamma 50th Anniversary booklet:

Brother Bucklew was born August 2, 1914, earned his Bachelor's degree at Indiana State Teacher's College. During World War II he played trumpet in one of the US Army bands. Merle received his Masters Degree from Butler University and began his music education career in Gosport, IN and later taught music at Granville Wells High School. He also taught at Speedway Junior High School and was the Director of Bands at New Market High School from 1946 to 1958. He was active in the early days of the State School Solo and Ensemble Auditions held at Butler University. He retired at teaching from Granville Wells, IN and organized a community band in Crawfordsville which later became the Montgomery County Civic Band.