

Crappie Masters

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The 2011 Sportsman of the Year and long time friend of Crappie Masters and tournament anglers, Ned Rutledge, passed on the afternoon of February 22rd, 2013. Ned suffered a stroke in 2011 and for the past few months, battled with respiratory illness.

Ned was well known on the tournament trail. Along with his wife Betty, they were former owners of Bobby Garland Custom Baits and involved with crappie fishing for many years. Ned loved crappie fishing, the anglers, and tournament fishing. He was the angler with the contagious smile and great sense of humor, that made each tournament better just because he was there. He hit the highlight of his fishing career with a victory on Mark Twain Lake.

The family has asked friends to forgo flowers and donate to the [American Heart Stroke Association](#). Cards and donations may be sent to the funeral home, Reser Funeral Home, 101 W. Main St., Warsaw, MO 65355, or directly to the family at 23448 Siercks Ave., Warsaw, MO 65355.

The family has also decided to forgo services and have a Celebration of Ned's Life, that will involve crappie fishing and will be announced at a later date.

May God bless his family and know that many anglers and friends will miss him dearly.