



Bernard Tysen

November 12, 1918 - October 8, 2011

Bernard Tysen, age 92, of DeMotte passed away October 8, 2011. He was born on November 12, 1918 in DeMotte, IN to Richard "Dick" and Ricca (Hoffman) Tysen both deceased..

His first marriage was to Anna Kleinblossom who preceded him in death in 1971. Then, on April 7, 1972 in DeMotte he married V. Evelyn Hansen Donis who survives.

Bernard graduated from DeMotte High School, the class of 1937. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Air Force and was a survivor of the Pearl Harbor Attack in 1941.

In 1976, Bernard started his career at DeKock's Grocery. Then in 1976, he opened Tysen's Grocery store that grew into Tysen's Family Market in its current location in the DeMotte Plaza. He eventually retired in 1988. Although retired, Bernard kept active as a member of the American Reformed Church and past Elder & Deacon at the First Reformed Church of DeMotte. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Chapter #1. He was a member of the DeMotte American Legion Post #440 and the Veteran of Foreign Wars. He earned his private pilot's license and enjoyed aviation and model airplanes. Bernard had a flare for music and art. During the 1950's he belonged to a 3 piece band, The Kankakee Valley Boys. He enjoyed painting,

and building & repairing antique clocks.

Bernard is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn, his three children, Pamela (Jerry) Hale of Wheatfield, IN, Jessica Tysen of Hallowell, ME, Mark (Gloria) Tysen of Wheatfield, IN; three step-children. Theresa (Jeff) Landis of Lafayette, IN, Joseph (Cindy) Donis of Valparaiso, IN, and Larry (Darlene) Donis of DeMotte, IN, two sisters, Mildred Hamstra of DeMotte, IN and Edith Johnston of Mishawaka, IN. He is survived by 11 Grandchildren and 17 Great-Grandchildren.

Bernard was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Anna, 1 granddaughter and 3 brothers.

Friends may call on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday October 12, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the American Reformed Church of DeMotte with Pastor Dan Jelsma officiating. Interment will follow at Holland Cemetery with military rites. Memorials may be made to the American Reformed Church.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
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<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church
1021 S. Halleck St.
DeMotte, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Tysen



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Live, laugh and love. Thank you for teaching us all of these and so much more. You went by Grandpa, but you were so much more to many.

Andrew Spenner - October 13, 2011 at 05:56 PM

BB

“ Brian Bretz lit a candle in memory of Bernard Tysen



Brian Bretz - October 12, 2011 at 04:04 PM

AJ

“ A few words in honor of Bernie....I will remember his instant smile when he saw someone, and he would always take time to chat with one and all; more than just "How are you doing?" and then walk away. I mean REALLY have a conversation with you!! I will remember seeing him pedaling his bicycle down the street on a sunny day - it made the day just a little more sunny. He was a good man and he will be missed.

My Condolences to the family.....Alice Jacobsma

Alice Jacobsma - October 11, 2011 at 08:55 AM

AH

“ Aimee Hearod-Tysen-Lutzke sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard Tysen



Aimee Hearod-Tysen-Lutzke - October 10, 2011 at 09:05 PM

AH

“ Aimee Hearod-Tysen-Lutzke lit a candle in memory of Bernard Tysen



Aimee Hearod-Tysen-Lutzke - October 10, 2011 at 09:00 PM

AH

My God give my dad the strenght that he needs to get though the loss of his dad. I lit this candle in honor of my dad (Mark Tysen) letting him know that when his heart is hurting so is his daughters.. May you rest in peace and God be with the whole family during this time...

Aimee Hearod-Tysen-Lutzke - October 10, 2011 at 09:04 PM