



Darold E. Gifford

June 4, 1927 - September 1, 2009

Darold E. Gifford, age 82, of Rensselaer passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the Jasper County Hospital. Born on June 4, 1927 he was the son of the late Gerald and Lora (George) Gifford.

A lifetime resident of Rensselaer, Darold graduated from Rensselaer High School with the class of 1946. He retired from the Neil Bott Telephone/United Telephone/Sprint Telephone Company after being employed there for 35 years. Darold was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He enjoyed football and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan.

On June 25, 1949, in Rensselaer Darold married Elizabeth Schafer who survives.

Along with his wife, Darold is survived by one son, Michael (Nancy) Gifford and one daughter, Cheryl (Mark) Querry, both of Rensselaer, six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, three brothers, David Ralph Gifford of State College, PA, Wayne E. Gifford of Rensselaer and Lawrence (Muriel) Gifford of DeMotte, and a sister, Loretta Padgett of Rensselaer. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Nona Janette Swiss.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Darold E. Gifford



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Darold was a wonderful uncle and will be greatly missed by our entire family.

Our prayers are with each of you.

Love,

Dan and Val###imported-begin##Valerie Christopher###imported-end##

September 08, 2009 at 09:03 PM



“ Betty, I worked with Darold for many years in Rensselaer, and am very sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Carol Studer###imported-end##

September 08, 2009 at 09:10 AM



“ Darold indeed had a life well lived. He loved his Creator, his family, his community, and his country. I will always remember many beautiful things about my uncle:

How he yelled across the mouth of the river with Jeff like Tarzan.

How he loved gardening and trees - planting them, climbing them, even at times, swinging from them!

How he loved to collect arrowheads, artifacts, and an occasional tomahawk which could "Bust em' skull."

How he "did not like green eggs and ham."

I will never smell pipe smoke, hear an outboard, the sound of the wind through a stand of aspens, or the crack of a hatchet against driftwood without thinking of Darold.

He was a gentleman, a poet, and yet somehow a forever young boy with an impish grin and a twinkle in his eye.

I am sure he was welcomed into his "new territory to leisurely stroll" in the same way he gave of himself to others: with both hands.##imported-begin##Lora Mendenhall##imported-end##

September 06, 2009 at 03:34 PM



“ Darold is my wife Lora's uncle and he brought her a tremendous amount of happiness through his humor and love for her as a niece. She greatly enjoyed spending time with him year after year on fishing trips to the UP of Michigan as well. Lora loves trees and planting trees and that was one of Darold's favorite things to do outdoors as well. Though I am not a relative of Darold's, I greatly enjoyed his humor, easy going spirit and admired how he was loved by my wife.##imported-begin##Dennis Mendenhall##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 06:57 PM



“ I worked with Darold for many years while I was with Sprint. He was one of the finest men I ever had the pleasure of knowing. He never had a harsh word for anyone and he was quick to share his knowledge with those of us who needed it.##imported-begin##Robert Densmore##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 10:34 PM



“ Dear Cheryl,

We are sorry to learn of your Father's death. You have our sympathies.

Norris and Rita##imported-begin##Norris and Rita Barnett##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 10:03 PM



“ I found Darold in my search for ancestors. I know we are all related at one point, but mainly we are all brothers in Christ. I pray the for comfort for the family.##imported-begin##Stephen D. Gifford##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 10:18 AM



“ As a young girl just out of high school, I started working at the telephone company where I first met Darold. He was such a kind man and watched over me as a father would. He will always remain a beautiful part of my past. May God be with Betty and the family in their time of loss.##imported-begin##Betty (Smith) Barlow##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 05:40 AM



“ Darold was one of the finest persons I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with. My prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Larry Henry##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 06:52 PM



“ Even though Mike and I are divorced, I have always had the upmost respect for "Daddy Darold". My thoughts and prayers will be will all the family.

Liz##imported-begin##Liz Yeoman##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 11:49 AM