



Earl M. Yerk

August 21, 1921 - March 2, 2016

Earl M. Yerk, 94, passed away March 2, 2016, at 7:45 p.m. at White Oak Health Campus in Monticello, Indiana surrounded by his family. Earl was born August 21, 1921, in El Paso, Illinois to John Elmer Yerk and Rose Etta (Armstrong) Yerk. He attended school at the Hollstem School in Cook County, Illinois.

In Deselm, Illinois, on October 30, 1948, he married the love of his life, Wynona M. Rogers.

Earl and Wynona moved to the Wolcott area in 1949 and started farming and raising a family. Earl was a life-long farmer and lived and farmed in the Wolcott area for 67 years.

Along with farming, he supported his family with winter jobs at the RCA plant in Monticello, Overmyer Farms, and Monon Trailer, where his skills in welding and fixing anything mechanical was put to great use. He was an expert mechanic and enjoyed mowing his 3 acres. After retirement, Earl and Wynona wintered in Florida for 25 years. Earl cherished his family and enjoyed times spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Earl served in the U. S. Army, stationed in New Jersey and serving at a base that housed German WWII prisoners. One of the great thrills of Earl's life was the opportunity to participate in the Lafayette Honor Flight in April 2015. Earl and dozens of other veterans (mostly WW II) were able to fly to Washington, D.C. and participate in ceremonies honoring their service and sacrifices for their country.

Surviving with his loving wife Wynona are their children, Peggy (Ron) Schuh of Remington, Carol (Jim) Budzynski of Carmel, John (Cheryl) Yerk of Wolcott, and Juanita (Kevin) Claton of Sawyer, Michigan, 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Also surviving are his siblings. LaVerne Yerk of Monticello, Cletus (Christine) Yerk of Lafayette, Bernice Yerk Green of Monticello, and Gene (Marlene) Yerk of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ivan Yerk.

Friends will be received at the Palestine Christian Church (7275 W. 400 N., Wolcott, Ind.), on Monday, March 7, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. EST.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Palestine Christian Church with Pastor Guy Brown officiating. Burial with Military Honor's will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery (8435 W. State Road 114, Rensselaer, Ind.). In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Palestine Christian Church or the Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette, P.O. Box 275, Lafayette, Ind. 47902-0275.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Palestine Christian Church
7275 W. CR 400N.
Wolcott, IN

Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl M. Yerk*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 04, 2016 at 03:02 PM

WF

“ *Condolences to the Yerk family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Williams Family - March 08, 2016 at 11:03 AM

RP

“ *Our condolences to the family! Your in our thoughts and prayers!*



Ron & Lib Prohosky - March 06, 2016 at 07:01 AM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 04, 2016 at 02:23 PM

JE

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Yerk's passing. I remember going to the farm with Carol and him being such a kind man. My prayers are with your family.*

Jeanie Chamberlain Fromme

Jeanie - March 04, 2016 at 06:40 AM



“ *Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of Earl M. Yerk*



Rebecca Chastain - March 04, 2016 at 03:12 AM

LH

“ *Peggy and family,
Extending my sincere sympathy to you and
your family during this difficult time.
Love and prayers, Linda Hamstra*



Linda Hamstra - March 03, 2016 at 06:25 PM



Sorry for your loss, hugs and prayers ,for every one..

Rebecca Chastain - March 04, 2016 at 03:10 AM

SL

*Juanita and Kevin, John and Cheryl - Thinking of you during this
difficult time. Ryan and Stephanie Long*

Stephanie Long - March 04, 2016 at 09:09 AM

DD

*He was a favorite Uncle that's for sure.. Always had a good laugh when
he would share a story and his humor always fed my soul, even though
I didn't realize it at the time..our lives are so busy that we don't get to
spend the time with our most cherished loved ones and my heart does
break because of that..Uncle Earl is at peace now in his permanent
home., and we will be together again... 🙏*

Diane Davis - March 06, 2016 at 03:33 PM