



Victor P. "Vic" Liersch

January 25, 1925 - January 6, 2020

Victor "Vic" Paul Liersch, 94 of Rensselaer, IN died peacefully at St. Franciscan AlternaCare on Monday, January 6, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. A Veteran of World War II, he served in the Ninth Division of the U.S. Army where he was a Corporal.

Vic was born on January 12, 1925 in Rensselaer, IN to Paul and Emma {Fechner} Liersch. Vic attended school in Barkley Township until the 8th grade. After that, he helped on the family farm during the Depression Era, until he joined the service.

He went into the service on April 13, 1944 and completed basic training in Camp Wheeler, Georgia prior to being sent overseas. In September 1944, he was sent overseas to England, from there France and Belgium . During the end of 1944, Vic ended up being posted near the last major German offensive campaign of the war, in a densely forested area that spanned Belgium, France and Luxembourg. His duty was to stand guard near the Battle of the Bulge.

On January 23, 1945, Vic was in Monschau, Germany right on the Belgium border . It was an occasion he will never forget. His troop was advancing against a strongly fortified enemy position and was subject to intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Working his way forward to within close range of an enemy's trench Pfc. Victor Liersch threw two hand grenades into

the emplacement where he killed one of the enemies and forced another to surrender immediately. Able to speak German, he ordered his prisoner to shout to the remaining Germans to surrender themselves. Pfc. Liersch's aggressive initiative, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled his squad to capture three of the enemies and contributed materially to the success of the operation. With this being said he was honored with the Bronze Star award.

After this capture, he was returning back to duty when he stepped on a land mine that took off part of his left leg. He then was honored with the Purple Heart. Reminding you, this all happened on the same day! After his injury he was sent to a hospital in Belgium, then England for a month or two. He returned home to a hospital in Temple, TX and from there to Battle Creek, MI. He was discharged on September 21, 1946. Vic went back home and never said a word about his time in the war. The only thing he said was "If that's the worst thing that happened to me I am going to be pretty lucky."

Vic was a brave and loyal and very humbled soldier, as well as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He married Esther Ellen (Misch) on October 25, 1952 in Rensselaer at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death on November 26, 2018.

A natural farmer and excavator, he owned and operated Liersch & Sons Excavating for over 40 years. He dug in just about every field in Jasper and surrounding counties. He never knew a stranger and had a great sense of pride in the work he did for others. He was a good man, a good neighbor and a good Christian. He never complained about the situation he was given, and wouldn't want to be treated any differently.

He is survived by his four children, Roger (Barb) Liersch, Steven (companion

Norma Schultz), Liersch, Sandra (James) Miller and Cathy (Ed) Lane all from Rensselaer. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, Sister-in-law Karen Liersch and brother-in-law William (Mary) Misch, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Esther, his parents Paul and Emma, two brothers, James and Max Liersch and a sister Edith Liersch. Victor was an inspiration to many people and he always said "A little hard work never hurt anybody." We should all live by that.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, January 10, 2020 at the Rensselaer St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor David Mueller officiating. Burial at St. John Lutheran Cemetery with military honors will follow.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

2723 N County Road 700 W
Rensselaer, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
? 2787 County Road 700
Rensselaer, IN 47978
<http://sjlms.org?>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 08, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ *Angie Dobson lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Angie Dobson - March 10, 2020 at 12:37 PM



Not a day goes by where I don't think about you. I miss visiting you every Sunday after church. My new "routine" sure is different without you in it, but I'm thankful to have had you in my life for as long as I did. You have and always will be one of my favorite men!

Angie Dobson - March 10, 2020 at 12:39 PM

BE

“ *Hi Steve, Sorry for the loss of your dad. I remember him being around when you put on the back garage and the gazebo. Also, I remember him bringing in a load of soil to the side of the house. He was always cheerful and very friendly. I would like to have know him better - very good man. Bob and Gail Evans*

Bob Evans - January 12, 2020 at 05:17 PM

SM

“ *Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Sandy Miller - January 10, 2020 at 03:55 PM

SM

Thank you, Dad for a good childhood and for all the advice you have given me through out my life! We had a wonderful send off for you! Until we meet again, Auf Wiedersehen (good bye in German)

Sandy Miller - January 10, 2020 at 04:02 PM

CO

“ *Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich - January 10, 2020 at 11:20 AM

ED

“ *Earl & Sally Dobson lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Earl & Sally Dobson - January 10, 2020 at 09:41 AM

RT

“ Prayers to Sandy and Jim and all the Liersch family. So sorry for your loss

Regina Trout - January 10, 2020 at 09:18 AM

EL

“ Prayers of hope and comfort
Betty Lawley

Elizabeth Lawley - January 09, 2020 at 08:36 PM

DE

“ So sorry to hear of Vic's passing. Always enjoyed visiting with your parents.... I regret I am unable to pay my respects as I'm out of state but your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Also a very nice tribute to your dad.



Deb E - January 09, 2020 at 06:41 PM

SJ

“ We're so glad you got to take him on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. We could tell it meant so much to him to be on that trip and that some of his family was with him. We'll miss this character in our community! -Steph and Barney Johnson, Honor Flight Volunteers

Stephanie Johnson - January 09, 2020 at 02:43 PM

RS

“ Prayers & sympathy to you family. Sincerely, Roger and Vicki Steffen

Roger Steffen - January 09, 2020 at 09:47 AM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Martha Langley - January 09, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JD

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers.. May God comfort all your hearts during this difficult time... He definitely was one very, very special man and it was an honor to have known him...*



John and Diane Davis - January 09, 2020 at 07:08 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Daniels lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Debbie Daniels - January 08, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch.*



January 08, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 08, 2020 at 02:57 PM

MB

“ Roger,

So sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Myles



Myles Beeching - January 08, 2020 at 10:02 AM

LE

“ *My sincere condolences.*



Lynda Edwards - January 08, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ Vic was always willing to do whatever project our family needed to have done. Our dad thought the world of him..... Prayers to his family.

JoAnn (Hooker) Reese

JoAnn Reese - January 08, 2020 at 07:59 AM

MK

“ Missy Tiede And Kevin Klemme lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch



Missy Tiede and Kevin Klemme - January 08, 2020 at 07:50 AM

DL

“ Roger and family, sincerely sorry for your loss. Prayers for you.

Deb Lane - January 08, 2020 at 07:47 AM

ED

“ Roger and family.
I'm sorry to hear of Vic's passing.
He was a great guy, and will be missed by many.
My condolences to the Liersch family. Ed Davisson

Ed Davisson - January 07, 2020 at 10:30 PM

LM

“ Sending our sympathies to you all . Victor was an amazing man. We were blessed to have known him

Lorraine Mercer - January 07, 2020 at 09:47 PM

RB

“ Steve.....and all your family, sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Ruth Brinkmann - January 07, 2020 at 09:42 PM

DB

“ Diana Brown lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch



Diana Brown - January 07, 2020 at 09:27 PM

DB

Thinking of you Jim and Sandy sending hugs

Diana Brown - January 07, 2020 at 09:28 PM

MA

“ Marilynabertslowry lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch



Marilynalbertsloewry - January 07, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch



Rebecca Chastain - January 07, 2020 at 07:22 PM

LP

“ *My condolences to the family! Always there when he was needed. Rest in peace Vic as you deserve it!*



Lib Prohosky - January 07, 2020 at 07:10 PM

DS

“ *He was a great man who I will miss all those great talks I had with. But I know he will be with his wonderful wife. My condolences to the whole family.. RIP .. Victor ❤️*



Donna Sullivan?? - January 07, 2020 at 06:44 PM

CP

“ *Cathy Prohosky lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Cathy Prohosky - January 07, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Jerry miller - January 07, 2020 at 05:54 PM

RH

“ *Rich & Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Rich & Dale Huhn - January 07, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch.*



January 07, 2020 at 05:31 PM

JG

“ *Joe & Linda Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Joe & Linda Gebhart - January 07, 2020 at 04:50 PM

ST

“ *Susie Tolleson lit a candle in memory of Victor P. "Vic" Liersch*



Susie Tolleson - January 07, 2020 at 03:11 PM