



## Carl R. Farmer

April 25, 1931 - September 18, 2022

Carl R. Farmer, age 91, of Bourbonnais, died Sunday (Sept. 18, 2022) at Bickford Senior Living. Mr. Farmer was born in Mount Vernon, IL on April 25, 1931, the son of Harold and Versie Verle Massey Farmer.

Carl served in the U.S. Army Cavalry for four years and fought valiantly in the Korean War. He was awarded an Occupation Medal of Japan, a Purple Heart, a First Cavalry Division Combat Infantry Badge, a Korean Service Medal with five Bronze Stars, and a UN Service Medal. After his service, he married Doreen Mae Leclair on May 29, 1953 in Manteno. Doreen passed away in 2008. Carl was employed at Joliet Army Ammunition until its closing. He retired from Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School after a long career of maintenance and bus driving. After retirement, Carl enjoyed volunteering, golf, and playing his guitar and singing with friends at Crazy Joe's and throughout the community. Carl was caring and generous to his family and friends.

Carl is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Valeria and Curtis Askew of LaPorte, IN and Anna and Tom Goodberlet of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Brandon (Megan) Askew, Sara (Arun) Goodberlet Pandey, Aaron (Amanda) Askew, Kyle (Anna) Goodberlet, and Karl (Rachel) Goodberlet; nine great grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Dale (Donna) Farmer; and one sister-in-law, Carolyn Farmer.

In addition to his wife, Doreen, Carl was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Leslie Famer; and one sister, Alice Farmer Eubanks.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be at 12:30 PM on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Immediately following the inurnment a celebration of life will be held at the Limestone Park District Building, 1940 Limestone Park Road, Kankakee.

Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee is handling arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **29**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BP

“ Carl was a very giving man. I worked at BBCHS when Carl did and he was always with a smile and words of encouragement. I send sympathy to the family.  
Barbara Phillips

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Barbara Phillips - October 08, 2022 at 08:06 PM

KG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I went to see him when he was hospitalized weeks ago but he didn't remember me. Aside from his difficulty remembering things and his physical weakness he hadn't really changed; he was still kind and funny and caring. When he told me he couldn't remember me he said, “But you know, I think I would have liked you.” He had that way of making me feel special; he never forgot my birthday.  
He was such a good man. And how he loved all of you! He was so proud of you and always had a story about you. I just wanted you to know. I loved him.  
Kathy (James) Giandonato

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kathy Giandonato - September 29, 2022 at 07:17 PM

DT

“ I was a custodian at BBCHS when Carl was there he was always so pleasant & treated everyone with respect. I knew I could always count on him to take care of any maintenance problem I would run into. I would leave him a note & when I came in for my afternoon shift it was fixed. 😊 Im sorry for your loss, he really was a sweetheart. 😞🌹

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Deborah Tofte - September 24, 2022 at 05:33 PM

SG

“ Anna and Val and families, we're so sorry to hear of the loss of Uncle Carl. He was a special person to many people. He always had a smile and kind words to give. He is now reunited with Aunt Doreen. Hugs, Steve & Kathy Glogowski

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**Steve & Kathy Glogowski** - September 22, 2022 at 12:23 AM

MB

“ Carl will be greatly missed by the Bickford family. It was always so fun watching him sing along with Little Daddy. Carl loved that guy! Our thoughts are with you.

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**melissa bottorff** - September 20, 2022 at 07:30 PM

DE

“ Val and Anna, I love all the stories of your spunky dad's adventures. What a great man he was..  
God bless. 🌹

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**Deb** - September 20, 2022 at 05:45 PM

DS

“ Anna and Family .... Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Please know you are in our thoughts, Prayers and in our hearts  
Al , Debby and Chris Skinner

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**Debby Skinner** - September 20, 2022 at 05:04 PM

MA

“ On one of my many trips up north, Carl was visiting with his grandson Brandon and myself and we talked about his guitars, and if my memory recalls one was an old Martin, and all of a sudden our conversation changed over to the military. We all talked about our time served overseas and the different situations we were in. Of course, my being a Marine gave me talking rights to sit down with a couple of Calvary soldiers from the Army. I was very proud and honored to have been able to sit with them for that conversation. Three different generation of the military discussing their time serving the country proudly.

Val came over to Brandon and me and expressed amazement, that was the first time that she had ever her father talk about his time in Korea. That just made it more of an honor to have been there that day, sharing with Carl and Brandon.

Val and Anna, please hold your head up high knowing that you had such great parents and that they are back together for eternity. Every time I went to visit the family, I always looked forward to visiting with Carl and Doreen. They made the trip a little more enjoyable.

Your loving brother, Merlin Askew

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**Merlin Askew** - September 20, 2022 at 03:57 PM