



Ernst A. Lesch Jr.

October 9, 1933 - January 21, 2016

Ernst A. Lesch Jr., 83, of Papineau, passed away Thursday (Jan. 21, 2016) at his home.

He was born Oct. 9, 1933, in Papineau, the son of Ernst A. Lesch and Zelma Goodlink Lesch. Ernst married Priscilla Balthazor on Sept. 3, 1955, in Momence.

Ernst was a farmer all of his life. He loved his cats and reading. Ernst was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving from 1955 to 1956,

He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Lesch, of Papineau; one son, Fred (Ruth) Lesch, of Papineau; three daughters, Pam (Don) Brammer, of Sheldon, Linda (John) Hartweg, of Carthage, and Amanda Lesch, of Champaign; grandchildren, John Brammer, Jason (Jennifer) Brammer, Jeremy (Nicole) Brammer, Carl Hartweg, Caroline Hartweg, Daniel Lesch, Anna Lesch and Andrew Lesch; and great-grandchildren, Rachel Brammer, Nathan Brammer and Ty Brammer.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. An additional time of visitation will be from 9 a.m.

Tuesday until the 10 a.m. funeral service at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Papineau. The Rev. Craig Forwalter will officiate the service. Burial will follow in Papineau Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel United Church of Christ or Illini Christian Ministries - 411 E. Park St. Suite 106 Champaign, IL 61820

Cemetery Details

Papineau Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home
214 W. Sheffield
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

JAN **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel United Church of Christ
108 W. Papineau St.
Papineau, IL
:(815) 428-7273

Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ernst is my grandfather, he was very supportive of my musical interests, He was a wealth of musical information, He loaned me many albums of various musicals as well as singers. He was the reason I became the singer i have become.

John Brammer Chicago IL

John Brammer - January 24, 2016 at 02:00 PM



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“ Mary Decker lit a candle in memory of Ernst A. Lesch Jr.

Mary Decker - January 22, 2016 at 06:17 PM



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“ Ernst, "junior" as he was known to members of his immediate family was a good, solid, Midwestern farmer. His first cousin, Robert Lesch, admired "Junior" a lot and always spoke highly of him. I wish my father could attend the visitation or funeral but he is recuperating from a bad fall at Iroquois Memorial Resident Home. He cried today when I told him of "Junior's" death.

As a young child I remember attending Christmas and special events at "Junior's" parents home in Papineau. His mother was a true lady and his dad was the epitome of a gentleman. My grandfather, Henry, and "Junior's" Dad were brothers. There were four children in the Lesch family. Ernst Sr. was the only one born in the United States.

The Lesch name has been well respected for many years.
The family has our deepest sympathy.

Mary Decker (Robert Lesch's daughter)

Mary Decker - January 22, 2016 at 06:16 PM