



James R. Erwin

August 20, 1923 - April 25, 2014

James R. Erwin, 90, of Watseka, passed away Friday (April 25, 2014) at Presence Merkle-Knipprath Catholic Home, Clifton. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial, with graveside services, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Erwin retired from the Roper Corp., Kankakee division. He was born Aug. 20, 1923, in Casey, the son of Clinton and Rosa Phillippe Erwin. His wife, the former Rose Mary Waddell, whom he married March 7, 1953, in Joliet, passed away Sept. 29, 1994. He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II in Japan, from 1944 to 1946. He enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are his children, Linda Coughenour, of Bourbonnais, Jim and Cheryl Erwin, of Pine Village, Ind., Pat and Steve Moody, of Chebanse, Gary and Michelle Erwin, of Remington, Ind., and Rob and Jeanna Erwin, of Limestone; 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Erwin; five brothers, Oliver Bennett, Dean Bennett, Roy Erwin, Paul Erwin and Carl Erwin; and one sister, Goldie Kelley.

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Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Inurnment

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Sorry to hear about your loss. I always enjoyed my appointments with him.*”

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