



Carl McGraw Wallace

April 5, 1924 - January 9, 2021

Carl McGraw Wallace, 96, of Evansville passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Born in Union County, KY, on April 5, 1924 to James and Maude Wallace. Carl spent most of his youth growing up in Fort Branch, IN. Carl was the last surviving child of their nine children.

Carl was drafted into the Navy during his senior year of high school and he served on the USS Intrepid in the Pacific until the end of WWII. Following the war, Carl met the love of his life, Virginia Dassel, and they were married for 68 years.

Carl will be remembered for his jokes, his big heart, and his gift of gab. After their marriage, Carl worked in sales before he and Virginia bought and ran The Old Mill Restaurant. Carl also later worked with the Veterans Administration and was associated with the Evansville Triplets.

Carl was an active member of the Westside Nut Club, VFW, and the American Legion. One of his most cherished endeavors was when he helped co-found Wish Upon a Star, now Granted, an organization that grants wishes for sick children.

Carl is survived by many nieces and nephews and by a sister-in-law.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at St. Philip Catholic Church, Rev. Ryan Hilderbrand officiating. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 9:00 AM until service time on Thursday at St. Philip Catholic Church, 3500 S. St. Philip Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Granted, 4445 Commerce Street, Evansville, IN 47710 or to St. Philip Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
3500 S. St. Philip Road
Mt. Vernon, IN

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carl McGraw Wallace*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *RIP Carl! Charlie Wladyka USS Intrepid Former Crewmember!*

Charles M Wladyka - January 11, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *wish upon a star gave our granddaughter her wish six years ago and Carl came out see her very nice and we sure appreciated what they did THANK YOU for sharing him with so many people*

Frank Schultheis - January 11, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *To Carl's family and friends,
Dan and I are so sorry to hear about his passing but we all know that he is in a much better place and he and Virginia are together again.*

Dan and Rosemarie Horstman

Dan and Rosemarie Horstman - January 11, 2021 at 12:40 PM

GK

“ I had the great pleasure of spending many a time with Carl at the Old Mill that he and Virginia owned. Both were just a friend to me. No matter where I would be and he would see me I would get that smile and HI GARY and a laugh that he would give out to me and have me leaving our conversation happier than before we talked. I was just thinking of him the last few days and am so sadden by seeing this. The community has lost a good faithful human being and to many of us, a forever friend. Gary Kassel, Retired Deputy Sheriff, Vanderburgh County. 🙏

Gary Kassel - January 11, 2021 at 12:01 PM

MF

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Great memories of Carl at The Old Mill!

Mike F - January 11, 2021 at 11:50 AM

LA

“ I met Carl at Sears in '62. He never met a stranger and never forgot an acquaintance. I enjoyed his stories about the war and his life experiences. He was truly a unique individual. Our(my wife knew Virginia when they worked at Bristol) prayers and condolences go out to his family and many friends. Vaya con Dios, mi amigo! PAX TECUM, Carl. Leonard "Larry" and Carolyn Adams

Leonard R Adams - January 11, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CP

“ You will be greatly missed Carl. Having co-founded Wish Upon A Star with you in 1985, We endured many us and downs. With the help of our caring Tri-State communities,we were able to make many precious children's wishes come true. Other awards you received were: Sagamore of the Wabash from a governor of Indiana, Also, a Purple Heart receivedafter serving on the INTREPED in WW11. Carolyn Pfaffmann

Carolyn Pfaffmann - January 11, 2021 at 10:54 AM

YW

“ Prayers to Carl's family & friends. I with my father Jack Daily ., Very Much enjoyed being in the Wish Upon the Star organization... loved to help decorate the floats and being in the parades ! This was Dear to Carl's heart and I'm glad we were a part of it. Prayers... Yvonne Wahl and Jack & Ann Daily

Yvonne Wahl - January 11, 2021 at 09:43 AM

HM

“ Herb Dassel's children: Diane, Penny, Tom and Mike purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carl McGraw Wallace.



Herb Dassel's children: Diane, Penny, Tom and Mike -
January 11, 2021 at 07:31 AM

JP

“ I first met Carl at the Civic Center where he worked at the Veteran's office and he was so jolly. Sometimes, he would see me in the hall, stop me and show me or tell me a joke. He was a funny, warm hearted guy. Then I ran into him some years later after my daughter had to have a kidney transplant and both of her kidneys failed, he met with Wish Upon A Star and granter her and us (her parents), and one of our daughter's friends to go along to Disney World. We did a little volunteer work for Wish Upon a Star and we were always so appreciative for his love for our family and always asked how Janet was doing if she wasn't with us. We loved Carl very much. He was such a giver and loved life. He cherished it. We will truly miss him.

Jeff, Zola and Janet Pickrell - January 11, 2021 at 12:53 AM

JD

“ Carl was one of the first to welcome me into the Westside Nut Club back in 1984 and I can honestly say that I NEVER saw Carl without his infectious smile. May the perpetual light of Jesus shine upon him.

James (Jim) Durham - January 10, 2021 at 06:44 PM

JR

“ To the Wallace, Dassel & Greubel Families,

How can you not laugh when your see Coyote's smiling face. What a character! I remember Coyote when I was a kid growing up in Warrenton. He was always fun being around. He and Virginia led a great life.

With sympathy,

Joe & Barb Rettig

Joe & Barb Rettig - January 10, 2021 at 04:19 PM