



Cletus J Muensterman

November 25, 1923 - September 9, 2017

Cletus “Bud” Joseph Muensterman, 93, of Evansville, passed away Saturday morning, September 9, 2017 at his home surrounded by his wife, family, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Cletus “Bud” Muensterman was born on November 25, 1923 to the late Joseph and Auralia (Hoefling) Muensterman. Cletus graduated from Reitz Memorial High School and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, now St. Boniface Parish. He sang in the church choir for 40 years and was a member of Sacred Heart Knights of St. John #335 and along with his wife, Rosemary, was inducted in the Brute Society by the Diocese of Evansville in 2001. He was also a Past President of Germania Maennerchor and a choir member since 1982. He wrote “Clets” column in the monthly Rathskeller newsletter for Germania Maennerchor. He was a life member of VFW #1114, a member of Riverbend Association, American Legion #8, and a lifetime charter member of W. W. II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Cletus was on the 1st Indiana Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

His military service included three years in the U. S. Army, 78th Lighting Division, serving one and one half years at Camp Butner, N.C. where he sang in the 78th Division Choir for the World War Bond Drive. In 1944 he was sent to South Hampton, England where he took an L.S.T. to LaHavre, France then by truck to Tongres, Belgium. He served in battles in Hurtgen Forest, Ardeness, Battle of the Bulge at Schmitt, Germany and crossed the Rhine River at the Remagen. After crossing the Sieg River he served in Berlin,

Germany for three months before coming home in January, 1946. He was awarded the American Theater ribbon, EAME ribbon with three Bronze Stars for his service to his country.

He retired at age 72 as superintendent of the Vanderburgh County Highway Garage.

Cletus met his lovely wife, Rosemary Lutterbach Muensterman at Reitz Memorial High School. Their love of dancing the polka and waltz brought them together.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Rosemary (Lutterbach) Muensterman, sons, Paul (Irene Gulick) Muensterman of Evansville, Carl (Terry McAtee) of Oakland City, IN, Stephen (Annette Lenn) of Starke, FL, Gerard (Brenda Wahl) of Evansville; daughters, Therese (Edwin) Bosaw of Martinsville, IN, Rebecca (James) Farrior of Hopewell, VA, Carol Ann (Gary) Burgdorf of Evansville, Mary Muensterman of Camby, IN and Clare (Duane) Higgs of Mt. Vernon, IN. Also surviving are his sister, Doris Tekoppel of Evansville, sister-in-law, Barbara (Moers) Muensterman of Evansville, 24 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Aurelia (Hoefling) Muensterman, a brother, James Muensterman, sons, Clement and Matthew Muensterman, a daughter, Angela Memmer, and a grandson, Timothy Muensterman.

Funeral services will begin at 10 A.M. Thursday, September 14, 2017 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Anthony Govind officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery where the Vanderburgh Retired Memorial Club will conduct graveside services.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 A.M. until service time Thursday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Avenue.

The family would like to thank the Veterans Administration nurses, Home Health services and Hospice for the loving care given to our husband and

father.

The family requests donations may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Boniface Parish or Riley Children's Hospital, 705 Riley Hospital Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

SEP 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 N, Wabash Avenue
Evansville, IN

funeral

SEP 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cletus J Muensterman*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Carol, Am so sorry to hear about your dad. My parents thought so much of him. He was a really good man,! Treasure the memories. Sincerely, Ellie Wildeman Dausman*

Ellen - September 14, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful man. He will not be forgotten as I have so many memories of Bud as a friend, neighbor and co-worker. He always had a smile to give out under any circumstances. I hear his laugh right now. May God keep you all in his ever loving arms as you go through this difficult time.*

Janie Berry Peckinpaugh - September 12, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cletus J Muensterman.*



September 12, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cletus J Muensterman.*



September 12, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cletus J Muensterman.*



September 12, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ *wish to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Cletus Muensterman.. Honoring such a fine Christian and a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend is truly a gift from God. It was my privilege to have taught many of the Muensterman children and have always relished the thought of how proud they were of their parents.*

My thoughts and prayers will be with the family at this time of sorrow and especially for the soul of Cletus who is now resting in the arms of God.

May Our Father grant him eternal rest.

Herb Neighbors

Herb Neighbors - September 12, 2017 at 01:30 PM

KH

“ so sorry for your loss. sympathy to the family.

John & Karen Winiger Hufnagel



karen winiger hufnagel - September 12, 2017 at 10:22 AM

DS

“ *Therese I am so sorry for your loss. It is so difficult losing a father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Love,
Dixie Scales*



Dixie Scales - September 11, 2017 at 09:05 PM

DM

“ *Thinking of you and your family Carl and Terry. Your dad was a pretty amazing man! Dijie Miller*

Dijie Miller - September 11, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Cletus J Muensterman.*



September 11, 2017 at 04:46 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of this. Loved down the road from them for a few years, went to St. Agnes church with them for quite a while, and I taught some of their children at St Agnes and St. Boniface Jr. High. He was a fine man--husband, father, grandfather, etc

Janet Moore - September 11, 2017 at 03:53 PM

BS

So sorry for your loss! Cletus was a kind and gentle man! Loved spending time at the Muensterman home during my high school years! I still enjoy visiting their home! Loved seeing him at the Germania on opening night in his German outfit! He's now with the Lord and at peace! Love to Therese and Rosemary and all the rest of the Muensterman family members!❤️❤️

Brenda Smith - September 11, 2017 at 06:09 PM

DQ

“ So sorry to here of Cletus's passing. Kay and I have a lots of fun memories with Clete and Rosie. He will be missed. We are out west on vacation. We will keep Rosie and the family in our prayers. Donnie and Kay Qualls

Donnie and Kay Qualls - September 10, 2017 at 11:48 PM

RF

“ You have our sympathy and prayers.

Ron and Norma Faust - September 10, 2017 at 10:07 PM