



Joseph H. Effinger

April 23, 1924 - August 9, 2019

Joseph H. Effinger, age 95, of Wadesville, passed away Friday, August 9, 2019 at The Terrace at Solarbron. He was born on April 23, 1924 to Aloysius and Gertrude (Brandsasse) Effinger in Evansville, Indiana.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Effinger served with an artillery unit in the European theatre including the Battle of the Bulge. He married the love of his life, Cecile Gully, of Mulhouse, France on November 15, 1947. Their seven children meant the world to him. They include: Gilbert (Bonnie), Dan (Liz), Margie (Jim) Tomes, Patty (Bill) Scruggs, Joseph (Cindy) Effinger, Mark (Angel) and Tom, who died in 1985. Joseph is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, plus step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Cecile; by his son, Tom, and by his only brother, Aloysius, who was killed in Okinawa during World War II.

Mr. Effinger was a life member of Wadesville VFW Post 6576. He was also a member of St. Wendel Catholic Church, the St. Wendel Knights of St. John and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was a farmer and also worked at and retired from George Koch and Sons.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial will follow in St. Wendel Church Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Monday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:00 AM until service time on Tuesday at St. Wendel Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joe and Cecile Effinger Endowment Fund St. Wendel Catholic Church, 10542 W. Boonville New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Memory Unit at Solarbron for all of their loving and compassionate care.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Wendel Church Cemetery

10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Wendel Catholic Church
10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Wendel Catholic Church
10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph H. Effinger*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 11, 2019 at 02:16 PM

GL

Glowing tribute to a wonderful inspirational man. May his soul rest in peace.

Glen & Sue Luigs - August 11, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ *Joseph H. Effinger*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

CS

“ *So very sorry for your loss, prayers to your family. Patrick & Carolyn Scheller*



carolyn scheller - August 14, 2019 at 08:15 AM

DT

“ *Dan & Liz,*

So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Dinah & Pat Thompson

Dinah Thompson - August 13, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Effinger.*



August 12, 2019 at 04:49 PM

GL

“ Joe always welcomed our family into his home & offered us a meal. He even took us to his garden & gave us vegetables.

When we got married, Joe was happy to drive 4 hours in order for his sons to be in the wedding.

During winter of 1973 Joe asked for keys to our car because he needed to move it. Glen jokingly mentioned that he could wash it if he wanted too. When we got ready to leave, Glen was surprised to see that the car was washed.

A long time ago when our family was visiting, Glen was asked if he wanted to throw bales of hay on the wagon. Glen's wife thought she was taking pictures but she didn't have any film. They all said Glen could do it again. Glen replied that he was too sore. Joe laughed so hard. He even remembered this story when we saw him at the nursing home & laughed.

Joe was a good Christian & very faith-filled. He treated people with respect. He stood up for a person when they were right. He always saw the good in everyone. His smile was genuine & reminded us of Jesus. He's the type of father that everyone should have. He wasn't selfish & he cared about everybody. Heaven is rejoicing because Joe has joined his wife & son. We will miss him.

Glen & Sue Luigs - August 11, 2019 at 05:44 PM

KG

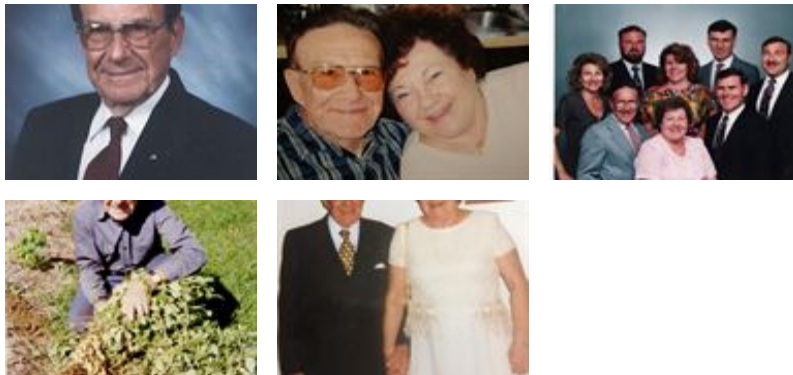
“ *My sincere sympathy to the Effinger family
Joe was the most humble man I've ever met.
He loved his family and lived by his faith.
He always put other people's needs ahead of himself. What a truly
good man
He will be missed*

Kenneth Godbold

Kenneth Godbold - August 11, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *153 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 11, 2019 at 01:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Joseph H. Effinger.*



August 11, 2019 at 12:54 PM

LS

“ I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to Joe's family . I know you from growing up in St. Wendel. I would see Joe and Celie at church when I came home.

Sister Laura Marie Schmitt

Laura Marie Schmitt - August 11, 2019 at 08:38 AM

CH

“ My grandpa was such a special person. He was hard working, giving, loving, caring, funny, and most importantly God fearing. He will be missed on this earth but he is united with so many loved ones that I know he missed. If you knew him then you loved him. I am so proud to be his granddaughter. I love you and hope you give grandma a kiss for me!

cherie - August 11, 2019 at 12:46 AM