



Merle V. Effing

May 17, 1934 - June 22, 2023

Merle Victor Effing, 89, of Tucson, Arizona, formerly of Evansville, passed away Thursday, June 22, 2023 at his home in Tucson.

Merle was born May 17, 1934 in Evansville to the late John “Henry” and Leota (Strickfaden) Effing. He was a 1952 graduate of Mater Dei High School and was the school’s first All-City football performer. Merle earned a scholarship to play football and attend St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana. Merle served in the United States Army and worked as a history teacher and high school football coach in Arizona. He also organized dances all over the country and was an event planner. Merle was an avid golfer; had a hole in one and loved to study genealogy and his family’s history.

Surviving Merle are his three sons, Mark Effing, Mike (Wendy) Effing and Matt Effing; a sister, Marilyn Wassmer; brother, Rev. Myron Effing, priest serving in Vladivostok, Russia and five grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Merle was preceded in death by a sister, Marlene Hasselbrinck and by a grandchild.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial will follow in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 9:00 AM until service time on Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 10 North St. Francis Avenue, Poseyville, IN 47633.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Mother of God Mission Society in Vladivostok, Russia, 1736 Milestone Circle, Modesto, CA 95357.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Xavier Church Cemetery

10 N. St. Francis Street
Poseyville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Poseyville, IN

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Tribute Wall

SL

“ So sorry to hear of Merle's passing.
*I loved talking with Merle and hearing the stories of the Effing genealogy he shared at the Seibert reunions. I'm thankful for the time and effort he spent in showing us who our ancestors were, where they came from, and the stories of their lives.
My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Sandy Lawlor (Alfred Seibert Family)

Sandy Lawlor - July 07, 2023 at 10:01 PM

FW

“ *Merle Effing Family,*

My Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to all of you at this time of your loss. May God grant you Peace and Comfort at this time. I have known the Effing family from our younger days growing up at St. Joe County parish and Grade School.

I can't be at the Funeral Mass, but keeping you all in my prayers.

Father Lowell Will

Father Lowell Will - July 05, 2023 at 08:46 PM

SB

“ *Marlene, Myron and family, so sorry to hear of Merle's passing. Be assured of my prayers. I am not able to be at the funeral mass but I will be remembering you and Merle's family in my thoughts and prayers.*

I spoke with Merle when we celebrated Myron's jubilee.

Sister Bridget Arnold OSF

Sister Bridget - July 01, 2023 at 07:45 PM

PE

“ I send my sincere condolences to Merle's family, as well as Marlene's family, Marilyn and family, and also to Myron. I am so sorry to hear of Merle's passing. I hope Merle enjoyed his years in Tucson as much as I have. We go back a long way to St. Joe Grade School and Mater Dei High School. I remember my Mom was a good friend of Merle's Mother. They were nice people to know. I saw Merle in the late 70's at a bank where I worked in Tucson. May God's peace be with all of you!

Patty (Wolf) Egbert - June 30, 2023 at 01:59 PM

BG

My prayers, & condolences to Merles family. His tireless efforts in compiling Effing, & Seibert family history are appreciated, & will be remembered for many generations. RIP, & God Bless you.

Bob Gee - July 04, 2023 at 12:26 PM