



Russell L Strange

July 18, 1943 - November 21, 2016

Russell L. Strange, age 73, of Evansville, passed away Monday, November 21, 2016 at the Heritage Center following his battle with pancreatic cancer.

Russell was born July 18, 1943 in Evansville to the late Clarence and Marcella (Davis) Strange. He worked as shift leader at General Electric before retiring in 2002. Russ was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and a life member of the VFW Post #1114. He earned a Purple Heart serving during the Vietnam War. Russell's passions were his grandchildren, playing Santa Claus at Christmas and spending time outdoors, mowing his grass.

Surviving Russell are his wife of 48 years, Garlena (Wright) Strange; two daughters, Marby (Jeff) Cox of Santa Claus, IN and Leslee (Todd) Like of Newburgh; two sisters, Mary Cooper and Gail Wirtes and two brothers, John Strange and Rex Strange, both of Evansville; four grandchildren, Troy (Kayla) Cox, Carter Cox, Rylan Cox and Piper Like and three great grandchildren. Also surviving is the daughter in Russell's heart, Crystal (Tom) Elderkin of Wadesville.

In addition to his parents, Russell was preceded in death by sisters, Betty Lou Wolf, Eileen Happe and Margaret Wathen and brothers, Willard, Edward and Leo Strange.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Rev. Anthony Govind and Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial 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 2:00 until 7:00 P.M. on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service conducted by the church at 3:00 P.M. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:30 A.M. until service time on Saturday at St. Agnes Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heifer International, 1 World Ave, Little Rock, AR 72202 or to Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Ave, Montgomery, AL 36104.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

NOV **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Agnes Catholic Church
1600 Glendale Ave
Evansville, IN

funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell L Strange*

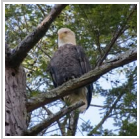


Pierre Funeral Home - November 23, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ *Russell L Strange*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Russ for 16 years. He was my shiftlead on 3rd floor right before he retired. I truly enjoyed working for Russ because he always had a smile on his face and never took things too serious. So many memories that make me smile when I think about how much torment (with love) we put Russ through. He was always one to appreciate comradery and I am sure that those who got to serve with him appreciated what a special medic and person they had.*

Clay Reisinger - November 25, 2016 at 02:28 PM



Thank you for your memory. It means so much to us.

Marby Cox - November 27, 2016 at 12:06 PM

GS

Russ mentioned your name at home, it must have been complimentary. Thank you for the complimentary memories of him. We will miss him forever.

Garlena Strange - November 27, 2016 at 09:59 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell L Strange.*



November 24, 2016 at 09:38 PM

SL

“ *Sharon And Randy Like lit a candle in memory of Russell L Strange*



sharon and randy like - November 24, 2016 at 07:56 PM

TG

“ *The Wolf children and grandchildren. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Russell L Strange.*



The Wolf children and grandchildren. - November 23, 2016 at 10:00 PM



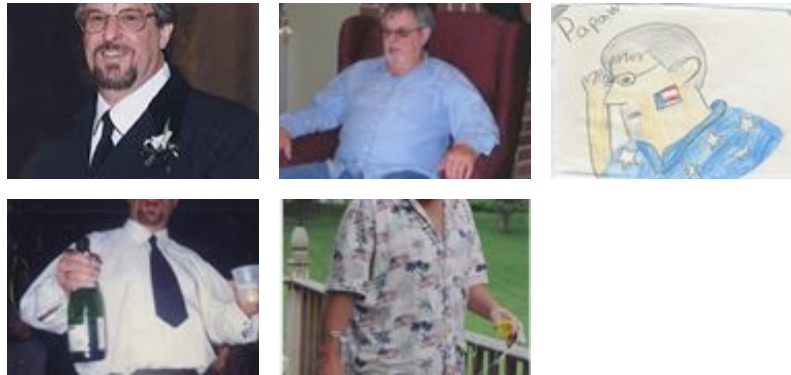
“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell L Strange.*



November 23, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ *110 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 23, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ *Love, Ryan, Cinda, Madison and Hannah Grace Wathen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell L Strange.*



Love, Ryan, Cinda, Madison and Hannah Grace Wathen -
November 23, 2016 at 02:58 PM

TP

“ To our good neighbor Garlena: May God comfort you and your family as you suffer the loss of Russell. We will truly miss seeing him on his riding mower, as well as our backyard conversations reminiscing his Vietnam days. Our prayers will continue for you and your family.

With sympathy,

Betty and Richard Plump & Emily and Megan Osborne

The Plump's - November 23, 2016 at 08:16 AM

PB

“ Gail & family: I am so sorry for you loss. Prayers for you all.

Peggy Williams Baumgartner - November 23, 2016 at 05:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell L. Strange.



November 22, 2016 at 11:20 PM

AM

“ So sorry for your loss Marby, you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Aaron and Gina

Aaron Muller - November 22, 2016 at 09:41 PM

RW

“ Very sorry for your loss. Love from Randy, Chantal and Kiernan

Randall Wolf - November 22, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to all from Mark and Evie Guetling*

evie guetling - November 22, 2016 at 08:42 PM