



Albert O. Merkley

May 17, 1926 - February 9, 2023

Dateline Schnellville, Indiana

Albert O. Merkley, age 96, of Schnellville, Indiana, passed away at 11:31 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023, in Primrose Retirement Community in Newburgh, Indiana.

Albert was born in Schnellville, Indiana, on May 17, 1926, to Andrew and Katherine (Heichelbech) Merkley. He married his wife of 64 years, Doris “Earlene” Atkins on October 4, 1947, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana. She preceded him in death on January 1, 2012.

He was a United States Navy Veteran, who served from 1944-1946 on the U.S.S. Attu, which was an Escort Carrier, during WWII; he served during the same time as his other four brothers, and he received two battle scars.

He worked at Bristol Meyers in Evansville, Indiana, as a supervisor in the tablet room for 34 years.

He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish – Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana, Schnellville Conservation Club, V.F.W. Post #673, American Legion Post #147, and was an original member of the Navy Club Ship 90 Dubois County.

In 2015, he was on the EVV-2 Honor Flight. He was the Dubois County Veteran of the year in 2016. During the Schnellville Centennial he was the Grand Marshall and noted as being the oldest living male citizen of Schnellville, Indiana. He also attended the Navy Reunions.

He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, gardening, spending time outdoors, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving are one daughter, Betty (Dan) Brewster, Fort Lupton, CO, three sons, John (Donna) Merkley, Evansville, IN, Bill (Becky) Merkley, Boonville, IN, Tim (Cindy) Merkley, Evansville, IN, 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are one daughter, Brenda Merkley, three sisters, Frances Schuetter, Rita Sivori, and Bernadette Schneider, seven brothers, Arthur, Clarence, Gilbert, Leo, Andrew Jr., and Ralph Merkley, and an infant Joseph Merkley.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Albert O. Merkley will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Honor Flight of Southern Indiana or to a favorite charity.

Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery

2504 Walnut Street
Schnellville, IN 47580

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 14. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2504 Walnut Street
Schnellville, IN 47580

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Merkley family: Though we never knew each other, our fathers were shipmates on the USS Attu and good friends. They attended many ship reunions together until my father's illness and death in 1996. We asked Albert to serve as a pallbearer in northern Indiana to which he proudly did. While I was on a vacation trip to Derby, IN some 20 years ago, I went to Birdseye and visited Albert. In the few short hours we spent that day, I understood why my father found him to be a true friend. Rest in peace Albert. Mike McKee on behalf of the Bob McKee family, North Manchester, Indiana*

Michael McKee - February 15, 2023 at 08:30 AM

BB

I remember him telling me of your visit. Thank you

Betty Merkley Brewster - February 16, 2023 at 12:58 PM

SE

“ *Tim & Cindy,
Thinking of you at this difficult time. Prayers!*



Suzette Ewer - February 12, 2023 at 01:10 PM

BF

“ Albert was a very special person. He made us smile with his sense of humor and his teasing. Thank you for your service Albert. Rest. In peace my friend.



Becky Fitzsimmons - February 11, 2023 at 01:24 AM

SR

“ Such a precious Man. So proud of his service for this country. It was an honor for me to know you Albert!!! Such a sweet and kind man!! You will be so missed!!!

Sisco Reising - February 10, 2023 at 11:27 PM

LF

“ Saw him in the dental office for many years. You will never find a kinder, nicer man than Albert Merkley!!!

Lisa Feldmeyer - February 10, 2023 at 05:42 PM