

Joseph F. Eckerle

January 12, 1927 - July 9, 2018

Joseph F. Eckerle, age 91 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018 at home.

Joe was born in Jasper, Indiana on January 12, 1927 to Robert and Elizabeth (Lechner) Eckerle. He married Irene C. Kluemper on August 25, 1953 in St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served in Korea during the Korean Conflict, and was a member of the VFW Post #673, the American Legion Post #147, The Disabled American Veterans Chapter #77 and their Auxiliary.

Joe retired from the Greater Jasper Consolidated School System, 5th Street School.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, the Holy Name Society, Jasper Outdoor Recreation and the Jasper DeutscherVerein.

Mr. Eckerle was the Indiana State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans in 2006-2007. Mr. and Mrs. Eckerle were both State Commanders at the same time, which was a first for the state of Indiana.

He was active with the DAV Van Service, transporting veterans to hospitals

and clinics. He served on the Color Guard for both the VFW and the American Legion for twenty one years.

Joe received the Francis Polen Award, the Distinguished Hoosier Award, and the Dubois County Living Veteran Award. Mr. Eckerle and his wife Irene received the Brute' award and the German Heritage award.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandsons and playing cards.

Surviving are his wife, Irene C. Eckerle of Jasper, two daughters, Patricia Goepfrich (Thomas), and Bonita "Bonnie" Gessner (Allan), one son, Charles "Chuck" Eckerle (Cheryl), all of Jasper, two grandsons, Robert and Isaac Eckerle, step grandchildren, Jennifer Gessner Speicher and Luke Gessner, step great grandchildren, Allayna and Madalyn Speicher and Calvin Gessner, three brothers, Leo Eckerle, George Eckerle, and Donald Eckerle (Margaret), all of Jasper.

Preceding him in death were four brothers, Sylvester, Linus, Edwin and Roman Eckerle, and two sisters, Georgina Detroy and Genevieve Frick.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Joseph F. Eckerle will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow at Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The VFW Post #673 and the American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at the Becher-Kluesner Northside Chapel in Jasper. The Disabled American Veterans Chapter #77 will conduct a memorial service at 6:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, the

Dubois County Community Foundation - Joseph F. and Irene C. Eckerle Family Endowment, or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
3221 N. Newton Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph F. Eckerle*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to all of you. May God give you strength and comfort during this hard and difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

*Love,
Erna, Gottfried, Bernadette, Florian, Michael and Alexandra*

Alexandra-Jeanne Eckerle Schuetz - July 14, 2018 at 01:18 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all...*



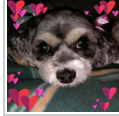
Christine Seger Rue - July 12, 2018 at 05:25 AM



“ *so sorry to hear of Joe`s passing....what a fine man and a great role modelmy thoughts and prayers to the whole family, especially Bonnie and Allen....thinking of you*



patrick renner - July 11, 2018 at 07:21 PM



My sincere sympathy to your family n prayer.. I am Oscar n Bernice Schnells' youngest

Marvelda Schnell - July 12, 2018 at 07:44 AM

CB

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to all of you during this most difficult time. May the great memories you shared together comfort you.*



Chris Bohnert-Hinkle - July 11, 2018 at 07:39 AM

MB

“ *Mary Brinkman lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. Eckerle*



Mary Brinkman - July 10, 2018 at 06:26 PM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember him well.*

deb hohman - July 10, 2018 at 03:32 PM

TB

“ *Joe and I working the stand down in Indy*

Tom Bratcher - July 10, 2018 at 12:34 PM