



Leo W. Eckerle

February 11, 1929 - March 20, 2026

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Leo W. Eckerle, age 97, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 6:18 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Breckenridge Nursing Facility in Sullivan, Indiana.

Leo was born in Jasper, Indiana, on February 11, 1929, to Robert and Elizabeth (Lechner) Eckerle. He married Lorena "Lora Lou" Renner on September 12, 1950, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana. She preceded him in death on November 11, 2013.

He was a United States Army Veteran, serving in the Infantry during the Korean War.

Leo was a self-employed carpenter, and was proud of his 2-3 year wait list of requests for his work in Dubois County alone. He was proud to work with his wife by his side as they built numerous homes.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, the Jasper K of C, the Moose, American Legion Post #147, VFW Post #673, and the Jasper German Club.

He enjoyed gardening, raising his Rooster Combs, Polka dancing, playing cards, especially Sheephead, and spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving is one granddaughter, Cassie (Tyler) Woodard, Farmersburg, IN, one great granddaughter, Kinsely, one step great granddaughter, Taylor, one brother, Donald Eckerle, Jasper, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death besides his wife are two children, Sheila Eckerle and Duane (Co-op) Eckerle, two sisters, Georgina Detroy and Genevieve Frick, and six brothers, Sylvester, Linus, Roman, Joe, Edwin, and George Eckerle.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Leo W. Eckerle will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, and one hour before services at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church or to 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

MAR 26. 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

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

DL

“ I so admired his love for life. I will be missing seeing him out and about dancing or working in his flowers as I stop at the stop sign by his house. Now he’s in heaven dancing amongst the stars!! 🌹



Donna mike Linette - March 27 at 09:47 AM

CB

“ Leo was a wonderful second cousin. My dad, Eugene Wehr, and Leo did carpentry together. Marilyn, my sister, and I would stop by for a visit when we saw him outside. God’s blessings to you, Leo, now and always.

Carolyn Wehr Blemker - March 26 at 04:25 PM

BB

“ Really love the talks we had together. one day he gave me some flowers to take to my girlfriend who was feeling bad and he picked the best ones .going to miss you



Brian Bachman - March 26 at 10:00 AM

DS

“ We were one of those that waited over a year for Leo to build our house; and it was well worth the wait. What a kind, and wonderful man, what else can one say. He was a blessing to our family and we cherish his memory. Our condolences to his family and many friends. God Bless you Leo. Dwight and Geri Slocum.

Dwight Slocum - March 24 at 05:02 PM

BG

“ *What a nice man he was, and very smart! I stopped by his place one day and offered to buy some rooster comb starts. He said he wouldn't sell them to me but would give them to me. It was a pleasure meeting him.*
I knew his daughter, Sheila. She was another wonderful person and gone too soon. My condolences to his family and friends.

Bette Gibson - March 23 at 02:32 PM

DD

“ *Thanks for your beautiful “Merry Christmas” sign each year. I always said it wasn't Christmas until that sign was out!*



Deb DePree - March 22 at 01:34 PM

PH

“ *I didn't know Leo, but always thought about stopping by to meet him and congratulate him on his long life and beautiful place he "shared" with the community. I regret that I never did that. Seeing his family depart before him had to be tough, but he soldiered on and focused on giving to the local area. It seems everyone knew Mr. Eckerle whether they had actually met him or not. A great life.. Our sympathies to the entire family.*
Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig

Paul Habig - March 22 at 10:53 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Eckerle family. May Leo enjoy eternal with Lora Lou, Co-op, Sheila, and the rest of the Eckerle family. Leo was a blessing to us all.*

Chris Bohnert Hinkle - March 22 at 08:07 AM

EZ

What a Great neighbor and Friend for 51+ years...so appreciated all of them. He will be missed by many!!!

Ed & Sarah Zoglman - March 24 at 02:23 PM

LM

Rest in peace, Uncle Leo. Linda Detroy McLaughlin

Linda Detroy McLaughlin - March 24 at 03:22 PM

CK

Leo Eckerle was my dad's cousin and he and his brothers built my family's home on Newton Street. After Mom's death, I sold the house. A realtor stopped with her client and told him that it was a well built home-something for which the Eckerle brothers were known!

Charlene Knies - March 26 at 12:38 PM

NG

*Although we have been gone from Jasper for 35 years, Leo has remained in our thoughts and hearts. The house he built for us in 1986 was the best constructed house we have ever lived in, and we have often remembered Leo and Lora Lou with great fondness. After Lora Lou passed, we were happy to hear that Leo continued to enjoy the things he loved to do. Our heartfelt sympathies to the family.
Nancy and Vic Geiger*

Nancy Geiger - March 29 at 02:23 PM