



## Lester F. Merder

January 28, 1920 - February 21, 2017

Dateline Jasper, IN

Lester F. Merder, age 97, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2017, at Brookside Village in Jasper.

Lester was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 28, 1920 to Henry and Clara (Blessinger) Merder. He married Caroline Wilz on April 25, 1940 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper. She preceded him in death on December 17, 2014.

Lester was a U.S. Navy Veteran, serving during WWII.

He retired from Jasper Novelty, where he had worked for 40 years.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, the Holy Name Society, the American Legion Post #147, the Jasper Knights of Columbus, where he was a 4th degree knight, and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post #673,

He was an avid sports fan, and especially loved I.U. Basketball games and Jasper sports.

Surviving are one daughter, Ruth Flick (Tom), Jasper, IN, two sons, Rich Merder (Gloria), Jasper, IN, Bob Merder (Kathy), McKinney, TX, one daughter-in-law, Jane Merder, Jasper, IN, nine grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death is one son Ron Merder.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2017, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military grave site rights.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Memorial Hospital Foundation or to a favorite charity.

Condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lester F. Merder*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers. John and Janice Stemle Schenk.*

**Janice Stemle Schenk** - February 27, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ *Bob, so sorry to hear of your Dad's death. May he Rest In Peace!*

*Linda Buchholz Beckman*



**Linda Buchholz Beckman** - February 23, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *SHIRLEY & KEN WEYER lit a candle in memory of Lester F. Merder*



**SHIRLEY & KEN WEYER** - February 23, 2017 at 04:15 PM



*RICH AND GLORIA OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. WE THOUGHT A LOT OF YOUR PARENTS. NOW HE BEGINS A JOURNEY WITH YOUR MOM AND THE FATHER.*

*KEN & SHIRLEY WEYER*

**SHIRLEY** - February 23, 2017 at 04:21 PM

JK

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. Godspeed! ~Brian and Joan Knies

Joan Eckerle Knies - February 23, 2017 at 03:19 PM

RR

“ Rich & Gloria Sorry for you and your families loss. Roy Raney

Roy Raney - February 23, 2017 at 10:16 AM

CH

“ My sincere sympathy and prayers to the entire family during this most difficult time. May Lester rest in peace with your lovely mother/grandmother. What a beautiful legacy this special couple started.



Chris Hinkle - February 22, 2017 at 05:30 PM

JS

“ Rich and Gloria, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. May he rest in peace with your Mother and enjoy the rewards of Heaven.

Germaine and Jerry Schuck

Jerry Schuck - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 PM