



Donald F. Eppley

June 28, 1927 - March 14, 2013

Donald F. Eppley, 85, of St. Joseph and formerly of Stevensville entered into rest and peace on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Monday, March 18, at the Stevensville United Methodist Church with Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. Burial will follow in Ruggles Cemetery in Baroda Township. The visitation will be held on Sunday from 2 PM to 5 PM at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association. Please share messages or memories at www.florin.net.

Don was born on June 28, 1927 in Bucyrus, OH to John and Lucille Eppley. He graduated from Holmes-Liberty High School in 1945. After graduation Don served in the US Army. Don then attended Ohio Northern Univ. earning a bachelor's degree in education (1951) and mechanical engineering (1953). Don was a registered professional engineer in both MI and OH and was active in the engineering societies. Don retired as Director of Dishwasher Engineering in 1984 from Whirlpool Corp where he had been employed for 28 years. He was a long time member of the Stevensville United Methodist Church and sang in the Senior Choir for 36 years. He will be remembered fondly by many whose lives he touched.

He was survived by his children, Mike (Corliss) Eppley, Paula Vogie, and Tom (Cindy) Eppley, and Jennifer (Eric) Wright; his 3 step-children; his 11 grandchildren and his 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his second wife, Margaret, and a grandchild.

Cemetery Details

Ruggles Cemetery

Baroda Township, MI 49101

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
staff@florin.net

Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stevensville United Methodist Church
5506 Ridge Rd.
Stevensville, MI

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I am sorry to hear of the death in your family. I did not have the priviledge of knowing Donald but because of my love of people and our Creator I would like to share some comfort from the Bible. Did you know that our heavenly Father, Jehovah God, never intended death to be? (1 Corinthians 15:25,26) In the future through his Son Jesus Christ he will restore our dead loved ones right back here on earth under the best of conditions. (John 5:28,29; Psalm 37:9-11,29; Proverbs 2:21,22, Revelation 21:3,4) So Donald will have the opportunity to live forever on this earth in happy and peaceful conditions when there is no more war, crime or sickness. In the meantime please be assured that Jehovah God hurts with you and longs to resurrect Donald from his death-like sleep. (John 11:11; Job 14:14,15) May the knowledge and hope in the resurrection ease your grief and help you to coe with your loss.
Sincerely,
Joyce Arnold
laritaarmold@gmail.com

Joyce Arnold - March 25, 2013 at 12:34 PM

PB

“ 3 files added to the album Grandpa Don with Beech-Brown kids.



Patty Beech - March 17, 2013 at 04:40 PM

PB

I was very sorry to hear of Don's death, and sorry that we were unable to attend the visitation and funeral! I want to say, however, that the thing I appreciated most about Don was his open-hearted willingness to be a Grandpa to Talia and Eli, the children of his stepson, Jeff! We have so many great memories of time spent with Peg and Don in St. Joseph and in our home in Duluth! We played a lot of cards and board games, and enjoyed his funny stories and laughter! Without Don, my kids would not have had a Grandpa on the Brown side of the family, and I will always be thankful that they will have these memories of him!

Patty Beech - March 17, 2013 at 04:49 PM

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“*Kimberly C. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald F. Eppley.*



Kimberly C. - March 15, 2013 at 11:12 AM