



Merl Elmer Niedermeier

June 23, 1924 - September 18, 2021

Rock City, IL – Merl Elmer Niedermeier, age 97, passed away on September 18, 2021 while at the Madison WI VA Hospital.

Merl was born at his home in Rock City, IL on June 23, 1924, the son of Elmer and Freda Niedermeier (Tielkemeier).

Merl graduated from Dakota High School in 1941. He married Marie Ruef on August 19, 1942 at the St. Paul E & R Church in Davis, IL. She preceded Merl in death on July 21, 2016.

Merl was a Signalman 2nd Class in the US Navy. He served from April 1943 to November 1945. He participated in the D-Day Invasion of France. After 45 days on Beach Battalion he returned to England and was assigned to a minesweeper. He swept mines in the English Channel and off the coast of France.

He loved farming along side his wife Marie and his son, Ross and his wife Crystal on the home farm. He took pride in his Registered Holsteins and just the love of farming. Merl was a member of St. Paul Church of Epleyanna. Merl also served his church on various boards and served two terms on the Dakota School Board. He also volunteered for many years with Marie at the Salvation Army.

Merl is survived by his three children, Alan (Sue) Niedermeier of LeHigh Acres, FL, Peggy Warden of Nicholasville, KY and Ross (Crystal) Niedermeier of Rock City, IL; 11 grandchildren, Scott (Heather) Siracusa, Tim (Jen) Niedermeier, Tracy (Shaun) Bastien, Kyle Bradt, Krista (Aaron) Raatjes, Jodi Whitsitt, Jami (Robert) Cucinotta, Jason (Michelle) Schlafer, Angela (Jeremy) Bradt, Kacie (Scot) Wilson and Michele (Caleb) Young; 21 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; one brother, Harold (Lois) Niedermeier; a son-in-law, Clifford Bradt; two sister-in-laws, Marilyn Niedermeier and Barbara Schrader and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie of 73 years; a daughter, Cheryl Bradt; two grandchildren, Lori and Jeffrey Schlafer; a brother, Marvin Niedermeier; two son-in-laws, Ron Reed and Glenn Warden; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Johanna and Vernon Schlueter; a brother-in-law, Ron Schrader; a grandson-in-law, Mark Whitsitt and two foster children, Wesley and Lynette Goebel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the St. Paul Church of Epleyanna in his memory.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the St. Paul Church of Epleyanna, 8800 E. Epleyanna Road in Davis IL. A visitation will also take place at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of services. Military honors will take place at the grave during burial.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family. www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com

608-897-2484

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Church of Epleyanna
8800 E. Epleyanna Road
Davis, IL

Celebration of Life

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM (CT)

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Davis, IL

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Judy W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Merl Elmer Niedermeier.



Judy W. - September 23, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JL

“ Judy Letzring/Weaver lit a candle in memory of Merl Elmer Niedermeier



Judy Letzring/Weaver - September 23, 2021 at 11:58 AM

TB

Thank you Judy. You are so kind.

Tracy Bastien - September 29, 2021 at 05:51 PM

DL

“ We got to know Merl when we picked grapes at a local vinery in Durand, and also at St.Pauls church, we always enjoyed visiting with him, he was an inspiration to us both. We have great memories of him. Rest in Peace Mr Neidermeier. Love Karin o David Lindgren.

David Lindgren - September 23, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merl Elmer Niedermeier.*



September 23, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *We are so sorry to read of the passing of Merl. I remember how faithfully Merl would drive Marie to the rehearsals of the Monroe Swiss Singers at the Turner Hall in Monroe, and also joined us on many trips to Swiss singing festivals. Merl and Marie were a wonderful couple, and I'm sure he really missed her these past 5 years. May they both be together again, in peace and eternal happiness.*

Deborah KraussSmith - September 21, 2021 at 09:28 PM



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Deborah Krauss Smith - September 21, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss to the family*

Donna Quick - September 21, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Merl Elmer Niedermeier.*



September 21, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merl Elmer Niedermeier.*



September 21, 2021 at 08:17 AM