



## Cecil O. Etter

March 29, 1928 - April 2, 2016

ARVADA, COLORADO - Cecil O. Etter, age 88 formerly of Adrian, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Lutheran Medical Center in Colorado.

He was born March 29, 1928 in Adrian, Michigan, the oldest of the eight children of John and Alberta (Allen) Etter and graduated from Adrian High School in 1946. Cecil earned a Bachelor's of Science with Honors from Michigan State University in 1954 and went on to serve his country in the United States Army.

On March 30, 1963, Cecil married Esther Miller in Adrian. Esther survives, having been blessed 53 years together.

Cecil was a Planning Engineer for the Western Electric Company, which involved him developing the radar systems including those in the Nike Missile. This work took him all over the world, from the Panama Canal to Alaska, Canada, and all across the United States. After leaving the government, Cecil was an Electronics Instructor at Front Range Community College in Colorado where he retired in 1991.

In addition to his wife, Esther, Cecil is survived by their daughter, Beth (Nathan) Etter-Olsen of Arvada, CO; two grandsons, Nathan "Chip" Olsen, Jr. and Noah Olsen; siblings, Ruth (Dale) Hallett of Lyons, OH, Ray (Midge) Etter of Shelby, OH, Roger (Pat) Etter of Adrian, Clara (Richard) Gray of Pensacola, FL and Dan (Sharronn) Etter of Adrian; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Pickford and brother, Keith Etter.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2016, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Dunson officiating and military rites conducted by VFW Annis Fint Post #1584 and American Legion Post #97. Burial will follow at Palmyra Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223  
Palmyra, MI 49268

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Cecil O. Etter

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Condolences to the Etter family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

Williams Family - April 25, 2016 at 07:10 AM



“ Dear Etter family, I am so sorry to hear of your family's profound loss and extend my deepest sympathies to all of you.

Fondly, Sandee (Barnard) Larson



Sandee Larson - April 12, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Cecil has joined other family members in heaven.



Diane Marlatt Bowen - April 09, 2016 at 06:51 PM

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“ We always looked up to Cecil for his words of wisdom, his sense of humor and his calm demeanor no matter what happened. I will keep Esther and Beth and her family in my prayers for safe travel and a time to remember all Cecil's life stood for and how much he meant to everyone around him, he will be missed.

Nancy Lawshe

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Nancy H. Lawshe - April 08, 2016 at 04:14 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - April 07, 2016 at 10:23 AM