



Earl Charles Goetz

July 19, 1922 - March 8, 2016

BLISSFIELD - Earl Charles Goetz passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the care of his wife Joyce, his girls, close friends and Hospice of Lenawee. Earl was born on July 19, 1922, which was also his mother's birthday. He was known to say "he was the only birthday gift his mother couldn't return". Earl was born to Charles G. and Elfrieda (Tobian) Goetz at home in Monroe Michigan, both of whom preceded him in death along with his brother Richard and his only son Todd Earl Goetz.

Surviving him are his loving wife of 68 years, Rena Joyce (Service) Goetz, his two daughters; Jill Kiesow of Riga, Mich., and Paula Aspacher (Jeff) of Franklin, TN.; 5 grandchildren; Kate Dewick (David), Green Bay, WI, Lynn Edmunds (Mark) of Wind Point WI, Charlie Goetz of Vernon, NY, Earlene Mest (Dan) of Strykersville, NY, Valerie Aspacher of Houston, TX, and Garrett Aspacher of Denver, CO. Great grandchildren: Connor and Ashlyn Dewick, Addeline and William Edmunds, and Levi Mest. He is also survived by his two brothers; William and Wendell Goetz and many nieces, nephews and his friends' children who all loved their Uncle Earl.

Earl graduated from Blissfield High School and then began full time farming in Riga Township. He was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Riga. He was also an avid Blissfield Royals fan enjoying many games at the school and listening on his trusty transistor radio. He also loved the Detroit Tigers and college sports! He was a happy man when he was able to have a radio on his tractor so he could listen to sports while he worked.

Earl served on several boards over the years including; Rural Electric Membership Corp., Blissfield Co-op, St. John's Lutheran and Killarney Lutheran Camp. As a dedicated Kiwanian, Earl served as President, Secretary and had Perfect Attendance at meetings for 39 years. He was awarded the George F. Hixson Fellowship Award from Kiwanis International in 1996. Earl and his smiling face could be seen all over the area selling tickets for any event Kiwanis was supporting.

The Goetz family would like to thank his caregivers; Diana, Charlene, Dawn, Leslie, Rachel and Sanya for their faithfulness and loving care of Earl during his final months, and to Jon and Leann Mattek and Karson Edgar for ALWAYS being available when the phone rang.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8pm, Thursday, March 10 at Tagsold Chapel of Wagley Funeral Home in Blissfield. Services will be Friday, March 11 at 11:00 am at St. John's Lutheran Church, Riga with internment immediately after. Pastor James Seelow will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Hospice of Lenawee, Riga Fire Department, or the charity of your choice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Riga Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Riga, MI

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
11949 Wegner Rd
Riga, MI 49276

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Charles Goetz*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl Charles Goetz.*



March 10, 2016 at 02:25 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Earls passing! Lots of good memories of Joyce and Earl visiting my parents. I'm sure he and his brothers are in heaven discussing plans for spring planting with the Ries boys and maybe reminiscing about some of those escapades I heard about when Pete and I were growing up. Prayers are with you.*

Lynn Ries Swanston - March 10, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ *Jimmy and Sue Powell purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Earl Charles Goetz.*



Jimmy and Sue Powell - March 10, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earl Charles Goetz.*



March 10, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Charles Goetz.*



March 10, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ *we are going to miss your smile and your good outlook Jim & Doris Frye*

Jim Frye - March 09, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ *Thinking of you all and sending healing prayers. Xoxo*

jackie helmbreck - March 09, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ *Evelyn Hejl lit a candle in memory of Earl Charles Goetz*



Evelyn Hejl - March 09, 2016 at 11:14 AM

KJ

“ Kelly Johnson lit a candle in memory of Earl Charles Goetz



Kelly Johnson - March 09, 2016 at 08:14 AM

KL

“ My thoughts are with your family!!! You are going to be missed!!!

Katie Lema - March 09, 2016 at 07:30 AM

SG

“ Aunt Joyce & family,
My deepest sympathy to u, Remember coming to visit & asking Uncle Earl how he was doing & he told me " good, now u r here". 😊
made me feel special! Will miss him ❤️ Love Sally

Sally Goetz - March 09, 2016 at 06:35 AM

HF

“ We will always remember our favorite farmer, friend, and one of the kindest and gentle men you could have ever met. Our hearts and prayers are with the whole family. Love: Lynn, Roger, and Wayne Hazard

Hazard Family - March 09, 2016 at 06:35 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Earl Charles Goetz.*



March 08, 2016 at 11:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



paula aspacher - March 08, 2016 at 09:58 PM



What a beautiful family.

Kelly Johnson - March 09, 2016 at 08:13 AM



Love seeing a photo of the whole family. Thanks for sharing. Sorry for your loss

Holly Butts - March 10, 2016 at 07:21 AM



I have very fond memories of Earl as a boy visiting Joyce and Earl's house and as I grew up I got to know him as a man; conversations at the elevator, over lunch at Kiwanis, and wherever else Earl might be as he supported family or community. He will be greatly missed but fondly remembered!

John Tuckerman - March 10, 2016 at 08:23 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



paula aspacher - March 08, 2016 at 09:56 PM