



Ernest Beussink

January 16, 2014

Ernest H. Beussink, 85, of Cape Girardeau died Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. He was born March 13, 1928 in Leopold, Mo., son of Henry John and Mary VanDerMierden Beussink. He and Irene Rosena Wubker were married on July 1, 1950. He was drafted into military service shortly thereafter on November 22, 1950. He completed US Army basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. and joined Patton's 2nd Armored Division in Germany patrolling the East German border. He was honorably discharged on September 13, 1952. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years and St. Mary's Cathedral for more than 60 years. He served in many roles including the parish council. He was Boy Scout Master of Troop 1 for ten years and received the St. George Emblem on May 28th, 1972 by Rev. Justin D. Monaghan. He was also very involved with Notre Dame High School, where all of his children graduated, serving on several boards, the Home & School Association and the Booster Club. He was a life member of St. Vincent's Council # 1111 of the Knights of Columbus and VFW Post 3838. He joined Schneider Equipment Company (now Baker Implement) in March of 1953. In 1978 he formed Mid America Power Equipment Inc. He was an advisor to Bolens Lawn Company and was awarded several international trips for his achievements. He was a charter member of the Men's Garden Club of America and an advisor to the PayLine Construction Group of International Harvester. He helped form Cape County Bank of Cape Girardeau and served on the board for many years. In addition,

through his work with 630 Development Park, was instrumental in the efforts to bring Dana Corporation and many other businesses to the area. Cape County Bank was eventually purchased by Regions Bank. Survivors include sons, Glen (Paulette) of Cape Girardeau, Donald (Sheila) of Iowa City, Iowa, Edwin (Judith) of Millstadt, Ill., Duane (Kari) of Cape Girardeau; daughter Elaine Webb of Luling, Texas; daughter-in-law, Donna Beussink of Cape Girardeau. Also surviving are his siblings Paul of Advance, Mo., Eugene of Cape Girardeau, Henry of Benton, Edward of Jackson, Norma MacAfee of McClure, Ill., Rosemary DeBrock of Oran, Mo. and Stanley of Marble Hill, Mo.; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; a son, Kenneth; son-in-law, Tom B. Webb, III; grandson, Tom B. Webb, IV; and his parents. Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Sunday, January 19, 2014 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home, 1001 North Mount Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 PM followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM, Monday, January 20, 2014 at Old St. Vincent Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery next to his wife of 58 years, Irene Rosena. Graveside military rites will be provided by Missouri Honors Team. Memorial contributions may be given to Notre Dame Regional High School or Southeast Hospice.

Tribute Wall

GK

“ *The family of Robert Kunkel would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the Beussink family . My Dad, Bob Kunkel appreciated Mr. Beussink's friendship and the business relationship they shared very much and always enjoyed the time he spent with Ernie and his family. I know that it made Mom and Dad's time in Cape Girardeau more enjoyable having friends like the Beussinks close after they retired there to be near to their daughter and grandchildren. The Kunkel Family hopes that your good memories will sustain you and help you to move on and always keep him in your hearts. Sincerely, Gerald Kunkel, Seattle WA Jane Kraus, Jackson, MO Dan Kunkel, St. Louis, MO*

Gerald Kunkel - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

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“ *Our sincere condolences are extended to the entire Beussink family. We will remember all of you in our prayers at this time. Ernie was special to both of us, we always remember him with happy thoughts.*

Ted and Debbie Hinkebein - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My heart goes out to the family in your time of loss and sorrow. The strong family values and love that have been passed on are evidence of a great life lived and shared. The measure of a man could be no greater than to have worked on behalf of his community, his church and his family. What a legacy and what a contribution. His children and grandchildren carry the torch for good old Midwestern values. I'm so happy for that goodness that travels down the family line. New great granddaughter Olivia will be one of many to carry the Beussink/Wubker values forward. You are all blessed and loved. K

Kaye Butler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Mr Beussink was a inspiration to many young men growing up in Cape Girardeau. His influence will be felt for generations. We thank him for his guidance.

James Lowes - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time of sadness at the death of their loved one.

Geraldine Phillips & Family - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ernie. He was a good person and a good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Tim, Heidi and I know this is a difficult time for all of you, but know each and every one of you are strong in faith and spirit.

Mary Jo Tolbert - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Ernie was one of the true gentlemen in our industry. You will be sorely missed.

Floyd Jett - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. He treated me so good when I called on him for Hoffco many years ago. My prayers are to you Glen and the rest of your family. Let the power of family and friends comfort you during this time of mourning.

John Hedges - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Glen, Duane, and family, Sorry to hear about Earnie's passing. The priviledge to spend several years with Earnie and your family in business and friendship have been very important to me and my family. Thanks for giving me that opportunity. Listening to Earnie talk business helped me develop some roots, as he did with hundreds of people over his life. Our thoughts are with you. DAN

Dan & Sandy Birch - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM