



Elmer Louis Stuerke

May 16, 1923 - March 18, 2016

Elmer Louis Stuerke, 92 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Friday, March 18, 2016, at Meyer Care Center in Higginsville.

Born Wednesday, May 16, 1923 in Sweet Springs, Missouri, he was the son of Edward H. Stuerke and Marie J. Ehlers Stuerke. He married Bethany Huscher on November 16, 1947 and she preceded him in death on June 7, 2012

He was a Veteran of World War II, serving as a Tec 4 Sergeant in the Army and was awarded with a Philippine Liberation Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal and the Bronze Arrowhead. He worked at Buck's grocery store and then worked as a retail pharmacy manager and co-owner of Huscher drug store, retiring in 2000.

Elmer was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Higginsville American Legion Post #223, Higginsville V.F.W., Church Men's Club and a past elder of the church. He enjoyed playing cards, shooting pool and was a Kansas City Royal's fan. He learned to play the violin by ear and from the help of his father.

Surviving are one daughter, Kimberly L. (Mark) Widebrook of Overland Park, KS; one son, Stacy (Diane) Stuerke of Overland Park, Ks.; 2 grandchildren, Alex Claire (Justin) Hammer and Louis R. Stuerke both of Overland Park, KS.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bethany; 7 brothers, Clarence, Edwin, Hugo, Marvin, Oscar, Leonard and Wilbur; 3 sisters, Mabel Mueller, Alice Ohan and Esther Stuerke.

A Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM on Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with the Pastor Marcus Jauss officiating, Ken Stuerke, pianist, Hannah Stuerke, violist, and Donna Owens, organist. Interment will be in Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville, MO.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Suggested memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church or School or Crossroads Hospice.

Casket bearers are Ted Draper, Bob Gillilan, Aaron Brandt, Paul Brandt, Joe Rolf and Kevin Thurman.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hoeferfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer Louis Stuerke*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Elmer Louis Stuerke*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Elmer Louis Stuerke*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Elmer Louis Stuerke*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *I knew Elmer through a group I facilitated in Higginsville. He was such a kind man and it was always such an honor to hear about his military experience. I really got to know him after visiting with him a couple times last year. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed sharing pictures of them. It always brought tears to my eyes when he would talk so highly of his wife. He loved her so much and missed her like crazy. Elmer was such a supportive man in our group! We never saw him without his coffee cup. The last time I saw Elmer, he bought lunch for our whole group at John Knox. He was so happy to do that for all of us. It was such a great time and so sweet of him to do. Elmer will be missed!*

Colleen - April 28, 2018 at 10:16 AM

CB

“ I met Elmer at a Grief Support Group about 2 years ago. He was a very kind person and loved his family. He will be missed by many. Prayers and condolences to the family. Connie

Connie Boland - April 28, 2018 at 10:16 AM

NE

“ Kim, So sorry for your loss. thoughts and prayers to you and your family. from Bill and Nancy Euler

Nancy Euler - April 28, 2018 at 10:16 AM

TF

“ The Stuerke family and friends lost a great man last week in Elmer. The Greatest Generation also lost a great man. Thanks to Elmer and Beth for the great family they passed along to all of us.

Ted Thomas family

Ted Thomas family - April 28, 2018 at 10:16 AM

JM

“ Heaven just got a little brighter!Your father will truly be missed. He was my first friend when I came to live in Higginsville. I always looked forward to seeing him at the pharmacy, at the Village and when he came to listen to the Chorus of Friends sing. He always had a smile especially when talking about his grandchildren. My prayers are with you and your family.

Joi Myers - April 28, 2018 at 10:16 AM

JH

“ So sorry for you loss. Your father will be missed! He was a wonderful person. You are in our prayers. Roger and Janet Hoeflicker

Janet Hoeflicker - April 28, 2018 at 10:16 AM