



Harold Deke

October 14, 1926 - April 20, 2023

Harold John Gustav Deke, age 96 of Higginsville, MO, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Meyer Care Center.

He was born in Concordia, Missouri on October 14, 1926 to Erwin and Caroline (Werths) Deke. He served in the United States Army from April 1945 thru December 1946. He was in the 8th Engineers attached to the First Calvary in the South Pacific.

He married LaVerna Heermann on March 28, 1945. They enjoyed 73 years together until her death in April 2018.

Harold and Ralph Opfer had the GMC dealership in Higginsville for several years. Then he worked with Dale Hilgedick and several other farmers in the area. He enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

In addition to his wife, LaVerna, he was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Helen Dankenbring; one brother in infancy, Donald Deke; and one niece, Vicky Palmer. He is survived by two nieces, Debra Reed and Betty (Jim) Schlichting; one nephew, Stan Palmer.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church 1501 Lipper St. Higginsville, Missouri. A funeral service will follow at 12:00 PM with Rev. Kurt Brandon officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Casket Bearers: Adam Dohrman, Eric Giffen, Randy McClain, Jesse Palmer, Mike Schlichting, Tim Schlichting. Honorary Casket Bearers: Mark Nuelle,

Daniel Palmer, Scott Schreiman, Ron Eason. Memorial contributions may be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1501 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037
immanuellutheran@ctcis.net
<http://www.ctcis.net/~ils/immanuellutheranchurch.htm>

Funeral Service

APR 27. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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Military Honors

APR **27**. 1:00 PM - 1:20 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Deke*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Harold Deke*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Harold Deke*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Sending prayers and sympathy to the family. Harold was the best neighbor, we loved our grass cutting "competition" and his humor. Definitely missed but remembered with laughter and love.*

Nita Starner - April 24, 2023 at 11:07 AM