



## Melvin B. "Mel" Luetjen

November 24, 1924 - February 25, 2013

Melvin B. "Mel" Luetjen, age 88 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Monday, February 25, 2013, at Pleasant Hill Health & Rehabilitation Center in Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

Born Monday, November 24, 1924 in Higginsville, he was the son of John Luetjen and Anna Noack Luetjen.

He married Mary E. Souder November 10, 1950. She preceded him in death October 9, 2010. Also preceded in death are his parents, four brothers, Marvin V. Luetjen, Wilbert F. Luetjen, John Henry Luetjen and Elroy George Luetjen; and two sisters, Beulah Anson Volkens and Fern Eva R. Anson.

Mr. Luetjen served as a Tec 3 in the U.S. Army during WWII, serving in Manilla and Japan. He worked at General Motors Assembly Division, Leeds Plant in Kansas City, Missouri for more than 35 years, then worked nine years at Syncor where he delivered nuclear medicines. After his marriage, he lived in Independence, Missouri until 2007 when he returned to Higginsville.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Independence American Legion Post #1000 and a former member of the International Carnival Glass Association .

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Mary Salyer Justice of Naples, Florida, numerous nieces and nephews.

A Funeral service will be at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, March 4, 2013 at Hoefer Chapel, 1600 Main St. Higginville, with Rev. Richard Cook officiating and Lee Hake as vocalist. Interment will be in City Cemetery, Higginville.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Monday prior to the service. The Family requests memorials to the Higginville Senior Center.

Casketbearers are Denny Lueck, Gary Souder, Greg Soendker, Tony Warren, Jeff Houts, and Ron Adkins. Honorary pallbearers are Max Tyler, Ed Heiple, Victor Shaw, Gene Wood, Jerry Sears, Kenneth Ritter, Gene Burden and Robert Conaway.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.hoeferfuneralhome.com](http://www.hoeferfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin B. "Mel" Luetjen*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Melvin B. "Mel" Luetjen*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Melvin B. "Mel" Luetjen*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Melvin B. "Mel" Luetjen*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *Met Mr Luetjen at Adkins Auction. We were introduced because we have the same last name.(no relation). He enjoyed the auction and we are glad that he did not suffer long.*

**Bill and Marty Lutgen** - April 28, 2018 at 10:48 AM

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“ I first met Mel and Mary at the Lexington Care Center, where Mary was a resident. Mel was with her every day, from breakfast thru supper, caring for her (and her for him) constantly. He introduced himself and Mary to me as "the M and M's". Mel played pitch with three other people every Tuesday from 10 am to 4 pm after Mary passed away. He was a wonderful friend to those three people and a great supporter for the care center. Mel was also always at the auction barn, it seemed, and he would take Mary as long as she could go. He had great help with Mary in Lana, Janet and Richard. He always requested his polish dog to be burnt to a crisp (!) and he loved the custard pie! We miss him very much, but know that he feels good now and is back with the love of his life, Mary.

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**Delmar and Sharon Dothage** - April 28, 2018 at 10:48 AM