



Wes Alpers

November 28, 1927 - April 2, 2020

Ivan Wesley "Wes" Alpers, 92 of Kansas City, Missouri (formerly of Corder, MO) passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park, Kansas due to complications from a stroke and COVID-19. He was born November 28, 1927 in Higginsville, MO to John C. Alpers and Hulda M. (Kessler) Alpers. He moved from Higginsville to Aulville, MO when he was 6 years old. Wes attended grade school there and rode a horse and buggy to school every day. After grade school he worked on the family farm in Aulville. When he was 12, the family moved to a farm in Corder, MO. He attended Corder Lutheran School and Church. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in 1942 and attended Corder High School, graduating in 1946.

After high school he continued to work on the family farm and then went to work for Lafayette Oil Company. While there he repaired filling stations and learned to install Timken oil burners. He installed over 50 oil burners in the surrounding areas.

With this experience, he took a job with W.A. O'Bryant at 23rd & Grand in Kansas City. He roomed at the O'Bryant business and worked out of the same building. He worked 2 years with this company installing oil burners.

He left there and joined the Sheet Metal Union #2, where he learned the sheet metal trade in the Kansas City area. He worked for 2 years in this business before he moved back to Corder to work with his father and brothers on the farm.

In 1950, his father purchased the blacksmith shop in Corder with the intention of teaching him the business. His father died within a month of purchasing the business and never had a chance to train him properly. He tried to keep the business going but eventually closed it.

He married Evelyn L. (Riley) Alpers on November 4, 1951. In 1953, he and Evelyn moved to Kansas City into an apartment building at 33rd & Wyandotte. They lived there 3 years before buying a home, which they remained in for the duration of their lives together. They would spend 68 wonderful years together.

When he moved back to Kansas City with his wife, he went back into the sheet metal business and worked for various furnace companies. This was his profession for 15 years. In 1968, he went into business for himself doing Residential Repair. He eventually slowed down in this business, but never officially retired.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of the home; two daughters, Cynthia Hipsh (Sanford) and Christine Hocking; four grandchildren, Sean Hipsh (Dana), Christopher Hocking, Sara Hocking-Mabry (Christopher), and Jeremy Hipsh; six great-grandchildren, Solomon, Lilith, Grace, William, Patrick, & Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Evelyn Crick and Alice Schowengerdt; two brothers, Arnold Alpers, and Dale Alpers.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service was delayed until 11:00 AM Friday, June 12, 2020, with a visitation 1 hour prior at the Zion Lutheran Church, 500 N. Elizabeth St., Corder, MO with Rev. Mark Junkin officiating. Honorary Casket Bearers: Les Alpers, Jeremy Hipsh, Sanford Hipsh, Sean Hipsh, Christopher Hocking, Christopher Mabry, Mark Schreiman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church, 500 N. Elizabeth Street, Corder, MO 64021. This service is open to the public but our Health Officials still encourage masks to be worn and recommend to honor social distancing.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Cemetery

Corder, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
500 N. Elizabeth St.
Corder, MO

Memorial Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wes Alpers*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Wes Alpers*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Wes Alpers*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Wes Alpers*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



Chris Hocking

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Chris Hocking - June 06, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“ I have great memories of Uncle Wes from way back when I was a child and on to the his passing. The family dinners and reunions were fun with Uncle Wes and his brothers and sisters sharing many stories. I always enjoyed being with Uncle Wes and Aunt Evelyn as well as with Cindy And Christy.

Les Alpers - June 04, 2020 at 11:38 PM