



Gerald William Carle

June 26, 1920 - November 11, 2014

Gerald W. Carle

RACINE – Gerald W. Carle, 94, passed away on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at Wheaton Franciscan Health Care-All Saints.

On June 26, 1920 he was born to Roy W. and Roseanne (nee: Knapp) Carle in Kansas City, Missouri. Gerald was united in marriage to Harette ‘Susie’ L. Strehlow, on July 7, 1943 at the Great Lakes Train Station. He served in the United States Navy from December 21, 1940 to October of 1945. His first assignment was to the USS Astoria in April of 1941 with the Asiatic Fleet. Leaving Guam for Pearl Harbor, they were 700 miles from Pearl Harbor when World War II started. He was with the task force that launched the Doolittle planes that bombed Tokyo. Gerald then was in the Battle of the Coral Sea, Battle of Midway and Guadalcanal. After surviving the sinking of the USS Astoria at Savo Island on August 9, 1942, Gerald was assigned to the Cruiser, USS Santa Fe and the USS Matanikau. Gerald was employed at Motor Transport as a truck driver, retiring in 1980. He and his wife, Susie, retired to Missouri where they lived for more than twenty years. While in Missouri he was an active member of VFW Post #9638. He served as a bugler in the Honor Guard for twenty years. Gerald also was a member of the VFW Post #1391 in Racine and an honorary lifetime member of the 5th Street Yacht Club.

He is survived by his children, Larry (Shirley) Carle, Patricia Cole, and Marjorie (Erhard) Reimann all of Racine; eight grandchildren; seven great

grandchildren; sister, Betty Sharp Matlock; aunt, Beverly Jones, both of MO; brother-in-law, Jay Thomas of TX; further survived by nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susie on December 1, 2011, sister, Dorothy and brother-in-law, Henry Sharp.

A memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 5 p.m. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Thursday from 4 p.m. until time of service at 5 p.m. He will be laid to rest at Dooley Bend Cemetery in Hermitage, Missouri at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Dooley Bend Cemetery

Hermitage, MO 65668

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Grandpa,

I know that you will, probably, never see this, but, I just wanted you to know that I really wish that we could have spoken more candidly over the course of my life than what we spoke about over the last few days of your life. I know that, basically, you blamed me for that bad knee you had for the last thirty years of your life, but I also wanted you to know how much that small adventure down the lake bank to go fishing with me on the last jetty really meant to me. Yes, you hit your knee on the rocks going down there to fish with me, and you were in you sixties, but I had never, ever in my life viewed you as being, in any way, destructible or old. That was the only time that I ever got the chance to go fishing with you, and, to me, that was about the greatest fishing experience that I could have imagined outside of the trip that you and Grandma went and spent a week with my Grandpa and Grandma Cole on our cottage at Pelican Lake. Something tells me that the two of you, my two grandpas, not only hit their limits, but, that they had the choice of fish to match their limits. The reason I say this is because of the fact that I fished with both of these men, and they were both SO good at it that they rarely even announced when they had a fish on(my guess is because they felt that they could land it without anyone else's help). Maybe it was something about that greatest generation that is all but gone now, but, even though I never got to know my grandpa as well as I would have liked to know him, I still had some very special memories, one in particular, even though he might not have viewed it in the same, positive light as I did. Yes, it was that trip down the lakebank that grandpa hurt his knee thirty years ago, but it was one of the greatest and best memory that one of his grandsons ever had.

Your Grandson,

Doug Cole

Douglas Cole - November 23, 2014 at 06:20 AM

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“ *Marge and Erhard,
Sorry to hear of the passing of Gerald. From the write ups it sounded as if Gerald walked to the beat of his own drummer, which in my opinion is something to be admired. I know it created some frustration within the family, but at the end of the day, I think you can reflect on the good and bad times and a smile may come to your face that the good did outweigh the bad. It may be difficult, especially during the latter years, but I'm pretty sure the good memories will dominate.
Very impressed with his call to service and loyalty-a man of convictions!
Nanette and I will not be able to attend the service, because Nanette is recovering from pneumonia-emergency room and 2 nights in Beaufort Hospital. And I got Vertigo and have lost my sense of balance and confused- more than normal; won't allow me to drive.
However, we will be thinking of you and your family and our prayers are with you, as well.*

Curt and Nanette

Curt and Nanette Lingsweiler - November 20, 2014 at 11:24 AM

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“ *I wish to send my sincere condolences to the Carle family. My name is Oscar Adkisson
and I've worked with Larry. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Oscar Adkisson - November 19, 2014 at 06:45 PM