



Leland Eral

July 5, 1937 - January 7, 2018

Leland W. Eral, 80, of Spirit Lake passed away on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Avera McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will be at St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake. A vigil service and Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Rosary will take place at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral in Spirit with a visitation to follow until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lee was born on July 5, 1937 in Pocahontas, IA to Wesley and Helen (Baker) Eral. He graduated from Pocahontas High School and earned his business degree from business college in Mason City, IA. He was united in marriage to Gayle Doering on September 12, 1959 in Emmetsburg, IA at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Lee served his country in the United States National Guard as a cook for 22 years. Aside from serving his country, Lee farmed his homestead in Spirit Lake, delivered Winnebago Motor Homes, worked for Muske Electric, sold auto/farm parts for various companies throughout Northwest Iowa, delivered propane for Northern Propane, delivered farm chemicals for United Suppliers, worked in maintenance for St. Luke and Lake Park Care Centers.

Lee is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he was a 3rd and 4th degree Knight. He is also a member of the Milford American Legion. He dedicated his free time to serving those organizations by cooking omelets and working the fish dinners at the Spirit Lake VFW.

He enjoyed going to farm sales, visiting car lots, searching for specific tractors, going fishing, and driving his dog Penny around in his gator while they went searching the road ditches for asparagus. He especially enjoyed his 58 years of marriage with Gayle and his children.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Gayle Eral of Spirit Lake; daughters Michella (Brian) Koppen of Spirit Lake and Theresa Eral of Black Hawk, SD; brother Wes (Diane) Eral of Fonda, IA; brother in law Melvin (Madeline) Doerning of Alhambra, CA and a sister in law Kay Eral of LeMars, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents, twin brother Deland and his brother James.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leland Eral*



Robinson Funeral Home - January 09, 2018 at 03:48 PM

BW

“ *I met Lee at the VFW many years ago as a part time bartender. He was a very nice man and seemed always to have a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.*

Beverly Wittler - March 03, 2018 at 03:11 AM

BW

“ *Beverly Wittler lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Beverly Wittler - March 03, 2018 at 03:00 AM

HK

“ *You have our sympathy. Always enjoyed visiting with him & seeing him at the VFW fish fries. Herman & Candy Kamradt*

Herman & Candy Kamradt - January 14, 2018 at 10:32 PM

GK

“ Gary Kastrup lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral



Gary Kastrup - January 12, 2018 at 12:14 PM

GK

To Gayle and the entire family: May God give you peace and comfort in this time of sorrow. The memory of this kind and thoughtful man will live on in the minds of all those who knew him. He was a good friend of mine as a member of the Milford American Legion. He was always ready to help out when we needed him. Much can be said about his dedication to his comrades in the organization.

Gary Kastrup - January 12, 2018 at 12:22 PM

CP

“ Cyndy Powers lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral



cyndy powers - January 12, 2018 at 08:48 AM

CT

“ Our Prayers and Sympathy to the Eral family. Will miss his smile at the Milford Legion Omelet feed. With Deepest Sympathy. Chuck and Donna Tielbur Milford IA



Chuck and Donna Tielbur - January 11, 2018 at 08:04 PM

BH

“ *Brian And Deb Harms lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Brian and Deb Harms - January 11, 2018 at 04:39 PM

AM

“ *Art And Lorelei Mulder lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Art and Lorelei Mulder - January 11, 2018 at 01:30 PM

AM

“ *So sorry to hear of Lee's passing. May God wrap his arms around all of you and give you peace!*

Art and Lorelei Mulder - January 11, 2018 at 01:29 PM

KJ

“ *My sympathy to Leland's family. I always enjoyed visiting with him and Gayle when they brought Penny in for grooming. He was a very kind man, and I will miss chatting with him. I share your sorrow, and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come.*



Kathy Jessen - January 10, 2018 at 09:51 PM

JL

“ *Jill Larson lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Jill Larson - January 10, 2018 at 12:20 PM

SD

“ *Michella, Brian and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you all at this difficult time. Take care.*

Sally Christensen DeLoss - January 10, 2018 at 08:33 AM

BE

“ *Bob And Mary Emgarten lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Bob and Mary Emgarten - January 09, 2018 at 07:17 PM

JB

“ *Jacci Blum lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Jacci Blum - January 09, 2018 at 12:23 PM

ML

“ *Mary Eddy Linton lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Mary Eddy Linton - January 09, 2018 at 12:01 PM

JL

“ *Jeri Lee lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Jeri Lee - January 09, 2018 at 09:37 AM

JL

So sorry to hear of Lees passing. Thoughts are with you and family.

Jeri Lee - January 09, 2018 at 09:39 AM

MJ

Michella, So sorry to hear this. Hugs and Prayers to you and your family.

Michelle Farmer Janasko - January 09, 2018 at 12:10 PM

JG

“ *Aunt Gayle, Michelle & Theresa, Alex & I are thinking of you during this sad time. The photo you posted of Uncle Lee is such a good picture of him. He was a deeply caring man with a ready smile and a hand for those in need. We are so sorry for your loss. Jim & Alex Graettinger, Baltimore MD.*

JAMES GRAETTINGER - January 09, 2018 at 07:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leland Eral.*



January 09, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ *Pat & Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Pat & Judy Peddycoart - January 09, 2018 at 12:31 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Lee.*

Marlyn and Nancy Ellis

Marlyn and Nancy Ellis - January 08, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Ray and Diane Tucker - January 08, 2018 at 08:32 PM

DL

“ Gail, so sorry for you and your families loss!! Leland will be missed by many!! Prayers to you and your family!!

Dan & Mary Lempiainen - January 08, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ Our sympathy to the family and friends of Leland. Bob and Kate Shaw



Kathleen Shaw - January 08, 2018 at 03:48 PM

JH

“ John Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral



John Huntsinger - January 08, 2018 at 02:12 PM

CM

Gayle, Michelle, Theresa and Brian - so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. God bless you all during this sad time. The video was a very nice tribute.

Cathy Maltais - January 09, 2018 at 06:25 PM

ME

“ Missie Theodosen & Mike "Ernie" Eddy lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral



Missie Theodosen & Mike "Ernie" Eddy - January 08, 2018 at 01:16 PM

LC

“ Our prayers and sympathies to the Eral family. We always enjoyed seeing Leland in the bank and will miss helping him.
With warm regards,
The Bank Midwest family

Laurie Colt - January 08, 2018 at 12:29 PM

LH

“ Our Sympathy to the family - Curt and Lori Harms



Lori Harms - January 08, 2018 at 11:36 AM

MI

“ Mary Ellen Inbody lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral



Mary Ellen Inbody - January 08, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leland Eral.



January 08, 2018 at 08:27 AM

PT

“ *Paula Krogman Tietz lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Paula Krogman Tietz - January 08, 2018 at 07:11 AM

RC

“ *So sorry to hear about Leland. Gail and Family, please accept my sincere condolences. Will sure miss him and his friendship.*

Rick Collins - January 08, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ *Tina Wood lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Tina Wood - January 07, 2018 at 10:19 PM

WK

“ *Wayne And Diana Koppen lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Wayne and Diana Koppen - January 07, 2018 at 10:04 PM

BW

“ *Gayle and family was so sorry to here the passing of Leland, My prayers go out to you at this very difficult time. Betty Wernimont*



Betty Wernimont - January 07, 2018 at 08:39 PM

DN

“ *Danelle Nelson lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Danelle Nelson - January 07, 2018 at 07:51 PM

DH

“ *Dale Hanna lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Dale Hanna - January 07, 2018 at 06:21 PM

PM

“ *Paul & Janie Molendorp lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral*



Paul & Janie Molendorp - January 07, 2018 at 05:44 PM

MW

“ Mike Wallace lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral



Mike Wallace - January 07, 2018 at 04:57 PM

MF

“ Mike Wallace Family lit a candle in memory of Leland Eral



Mike Wallace Family - January 07, 2018 at 04:55 PM