



## Dale A. Ernest

August 9, 1922 - July 20, 2023

Dale A. Ernest,

100, went to be with the Lord, July 20, 2023. He was born August 9, 1922 in Columbus Grove, Ohio, to the late Byron and Elsie (Hofferbert) Ernest. Dale was a proud and decorated WWII Veteran who served in the South Pacific Theatre, including Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, and Leyte in the Philippine Islands. After WWII, he worked for A&P Grocery advancing to a District Supervisor in Central Indiana. After 26 years at A&P, he opened a Baskin Robbins franchise on the west side of Indianapolis. In 1976 he ventured into business with his son, Gregg, founding The Printing Complex where he worked until October 2022.

Dale was active in the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star where he held many offices. He was also a valued member of Lawrence United Methodist Church. Dale's heart knew the sweet joy of love in its purest form. He was blessed to share over 70 memorable years of marriage with Doris, his cherished wife and life partner, who passed away in 2013.

Dale is survived by his sons, Gregg Ernest and Tim Ernest (Cindi); daughter-in-law, Beverly Ernest; granddaughters, Angie Thompson (Mike) and Abby Ernest-Norman (Corey); great-grandchildren, Chelsea Stuck (Brandon) and Noah Thompson; and great-great-grandson, Jaxen Stuck. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Ernest; son, Steve Ernest; four siblings; and a host of others.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 11:00

a.m. at Lawrence United Methodist Church, 5200 North Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226 with visitation one hour prior. In his memory, we celebrate a life of service, devotion, and enduring love that will continue to inspire us all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Lawrence United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence United Methodist Church  
5200 North Shadeland Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46226

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

SG

“ I had the privilege and was able to meet this very kind and brave gentleman at a Colts football game. He had a smile that warmed her heart. I thanked him for his service and shook his hand. It was quite an honor. I worked as an usher for CSC. Prayers to his family

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**Sandy Garner** - August 07, 2023 at 07:14 PM

SG

*I meant to say he had a smile that warmed your heart*

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**Sandy Garner** - August 08, 2023 at 09:29 AM

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“ Tula H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale A. Ernest.

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**Tula H.** - August 07, 2023 at 11:22 AM

HC

“ Dear Ernest Family,  
I have a dear memory of Ern sitting on his front porch waving to the string of Corvettes beeping as we celebrated his 100th birthday!  
Please know that Jim and I are keeping Gregg and family in our thoughts and prayers. Certainly a life well-lived❤️

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**Harriet Campbell** - August 03, 2023 at 10:51 AM