



Joseph Edwin "Joe" Kilgore

February 25, 1920 - April 5, 2019

Joseph Edwin "Joe" Kilgore, 99, was born February 25, 1920 in Marion County, Kentucky. Born to Elmer and Lucy Kilgore, Joe was the oldest of 12 children. He served in the United States Army, joining in 1942 and serving during WWII in Germany, Italy, France and North Africa, earning 5 Bronze Stars. He worked for Western Electric until he retired in 1984. At that time he became a full-fledged member of a small clan of Oetjen's. Joe was a quiet man who enjoyed a quiet house. Little by little, smaller Oetjen's joined the clan until it became a full-fledged Oetjen village. A gentle soul who didn't marry or have his own children became a fixture in our family. He enjoyed holding the children when they were small and attended all their activities. He loved to eat, especially sweets (don't keep donuts or cinnamon rolls from him). He is survived by his loving live-in family: sister, Mary (Herman) Oetjen; niece, Cindy Oetjen; nephew, Trey (Lori) Oetjen; great-nieces and nephews, Caleb (Taylor) Oetjen, Madison Oetjen, Josiah Oetjen, Noah (Mallory) Oetjen, Hope Oetjen, Isaiah Oetjen, Angela Oetjen and Elijah Oetjen. He is survived by sisters, Judy Sedam, Martha Jones, Barbara (Paul) Kent, Carol Jones, and Freda Linville, and many other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Lucy Kilgore; brothers, Willis, Philip, Kenneth and Donald Kilgore; and sister, Joan Price. Joe passed away April 5, 2019. He will be missed in the village, but we were privileged to have him.

Visitation will be Monday, April 8, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the

funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
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Indianapolis, IN 46229
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<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ When I was about 6 years old, Uncle Ed(as he was called back then) asked me to bring him a glass of water. So I brought him a glass of water and he told me I was a very good girl and told me to close my eyes. He placed a shiny half dollar in my hand and he told me it was our secret, until today. Uncle Ed loved his family and I remember how soft spoken and gentle he was. He will be missed but never forgotten. Love, Connie

Connie Foy - April 08, 2019 at 11:23 AM

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“ Love Chip & Connie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph Edwin "Joe" Kilgore.



Love Chip & Connie - April 08, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Edwin "Joe" Kilgore.



April 06, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph Edwin "Joe" Kilgore.*



April 06, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ *Mark and Kathleen purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph Edwin "Joe" Kilgore.*



Mark and Kathleen - April 06, 2019 at 03:31 PM