



Luther D. Statler

June 16, 1932 - September 20, 2020

Luther D. Statler, passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2020, in Glen Carbon, IL, by his side was his high school sweetheart, loving and devoted wife Charleen M. (Peetz) Statler. They were married on December 30, 1953. Father to Carol & husband Allen Statler-Gauger (both dec.) and Mark & wife Toni Statler. Grandfather to Jonathan & wife Victoria Statler and Jamie & Craig Moline. Great – Grandfather to Creighton and Rhys Moline, and Charlotte Statler.

Luther was born in Cape Girardeau, MO, on June 16, 1932, the son of the late Luther J. and Vera Jean (Miller) Statler, Brother to Jacqueline & husband James Davenport (both dec.) and Sabra & late husband Charles Mahaney. Raised on the family farm outside of Millersville, Missouri he enjoyed the outdoors and became an Eagle Scout.

A graduate from Jackson Missouri High School, he also graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from University of Missouri – Columbia, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from St. Louis University. Enlisted in the US Army Military from 1951 to 1954 thru ROTC, with service in Korea from 1954 – 1958, where he was attached to the Field Artillery 1st and 6th Armored Divisions. He worked at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville from 1963 to 1988 holding multiple staff positions ending as Vice President of Supporting Services.

He loved taking his family camping with his favorite place being Rocky Mountain National Park. Following his retirement, he and Charleen traveled extensively throughout the United States in an RV nicked named “Whitey” followed by travels around the world including cruises down the Amazon and Danube rivers, and tours thru Russia, China, Africa, South America and Australia. He enjoyed building, making things with his hands and giving new life to items thru repurposing them.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the St. John United Methodist Church in Edwardsville Building fund or The Gardens at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. Due to the coronavirus a memorial service will be held at a later date to be determined.

Comments



“ Mrs. Statler, Mark and Family. I was saddened to learn of Mr. Statler’s passing. Very sad indeed. He was a big figure in my late teens as the Dad of my girlfriend! I am so thankful for all the many times I stayed for dinner, swam in the pond, and just watched TV at your home. He was a gracious man, and very patient with the likes of me, which took a lot of patience! There was no doubt that he loved his wife, his son and his daughter. He was a proud veteran and loved his country. He was a good man and will be missed. Take comfort in knowing he lived a good life. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Mark Hemann

Mark Hemann - December 01, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ To my Aunt Charlene, cousin Mark and family, we were so sorry to hear of Uncle Dean's passing. He was a great man. He was always happy, always joking. He was a very smart man and very resourceful. I remember riding in an old rumble-seat car that he had and marveled at how he could fix up and get something like that to run. Anyway, he will be missed, but I will always have only good memories of him.
--Don Nations (and Marcia)

Don Nations - October 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ Charlene, so sorry to hear of Luther's passing. He was a good man, a joy to be around, and a great neighbor. I'm certain he will be missed by many. Our condolences to you and your family. Conny and Bob Kappler

Robert Kappler - September 28, 2020 at 06:32 PM