



Gerald Arthur Nissen

December 19, 1936 - May 17, 2026

Gerald Arthur Nissen, 89, of Petersburg, formerly of Greenview, passed away May 17, 2026, at Springfield Memorial Hospital in Springfield.

Gerald was born December 19, 1936, in Rural Menard County to Arthur and Hazel (Bell) Nissen. After graduating high school, Gerald married Mary Moore on April 7, 1957 at the First Baptist Church in Petersburg. Gerald then proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Gerald was a member of the First Baptist Church. He worked at Fiat-Allis, Snyder Sawmill, then later as a maintenance supervisor for Menard County Housing. Gerald was a member of the American Legion of Menard County, and a founding member of the Menard County Rescue Squad. His hobbies included gardening and working in his yard.

Gerald is survived by his daughter: Angela (Chris) Crosnoe of Petersburg, son: Marc (Cathy) Nissen of Petersburg, Grandchildren: Andrew Nissen of Petersburg, Jennifer (Bryce) Spickard of Athens, Colby Crosnoe of Greenview, and Bryant Crosnoe of Petersburg. Great-grandchild: Jayden Bennett of Athens, Brothers: Dean (Lee) Nissen of South Carolina and Dale (Jan) Nissen of Geneva, Illinois.

Gerald is preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary Nissen, a daughter in

infancy, and sister: Kathy Lush.

A Visitation will be held Saturday, May 23, 2026, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the First Baptist Church of Petersburg. Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 following the visitation at the church with Pastor Rob Gallion officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery with military honors provided by the Menard County Inter Veterans Ceremony Unit.

Memorials in Gerald's honor can be made to the First Baptist Church of Petersburg, 103 W Sangamon St. Petersburg, Illinois 62675 or Menard County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 26 Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Gerald's family with funeral arrangements.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at hurleyfh.com.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Petersburg
103 West Sangamon Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2488

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 23 (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery
Petersburg, IL 62675

Military honors provided by the Menard County Inter Veterans Ceremony Unit

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Deanna Clark purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Gerald Arthur Nissen.



Deanna Clark - 4 hours ago

DC

“ Deanna Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Arthur Nissen.

Deanna Clark - 4 hours ago

CK

“ Colby, so sorry to hear about your grandpa. I know he was very special to you. Just wanted you to know that we are thinking about you.

Cliff & Clara Klauzer - 13 hours ago

MH

“ He would always brighten up my day when he came to Petersburg Hardee's, and I'm truly sorry to hear about your loss.

Mya Hibbs - 14 hours ago

JS

“ I will always remember Gerald as the "upper classman" when I started school at Hickory Grove many years ago. He was a great guy of wonderful parents. My sincerest condolences to his family. May God bring you comfort in your time of sorrow.

June Simmons - Yesterday at 05:26 PM

DF

“ Dale and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Arthur Nissen.



Dale and family - Yesterday at 05:17 PM

BB

“ Marc, Cathy, Andy, Jennifer and families so sorry for your loss



Bill&Robin Baughman - Yesterday at 04:40 PM

LD

“ Love, Greg, Susan, Gary, Mary & Donnie purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gerald Arthur Nissen.



Love, Greg, Susan, Gary, Mary & Donnie - Yesterday at 03:56 PM