



Harold Louis Stier

June 18, 1935 - December 28, 2022

Harold L. Stier, 87, was born on June 18, 1935 in Springfield, Illinois, and passed away on December 28, 2022 in Springfield, Illinois. Harold was the son of Louie C. and Hermina H. (Winkelman) Stier. As a young boy, he worked on the family farm with his father and uncles, as well as helping out with the neighboring farms. During his years at Athens High School, he was a member of FFA, High School Band, and an active participant in the Youth Group at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg.

After high school, Harold enlisted in the US Army with his younger brother, George. They were stationed together at Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska. When his service ended, he returned to Menard County and worked briefly at the Barr Station Grain Elevator outside of Athens. Shortly thereafter, Harold started working at Menard Service Company of Petersburg and Greenview, more commonly known as FS (Farm Services). He would spend most of the next three and a half decades delivering propane to farms in rural Menard and Sangamon Counties where it was used to heat homes and dry grain.

Harold married Helen Potts in 1961, and together they raised three boys in Petersburg.

Until his passing, Harold was a lifelong and active member of the Bethlehem

Lutheran Church in Petersburg. He has served on the church council, member of the choir, Men's Club, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, performed in the church band and assisted with religious services at the local nursing home. This year, he was oldest member of the Live Nativity at the church. He also served several years as a volunteer fireman for Petersburg, delivered meals on wheels in the Petersburg area, served as a member of the Menard County VFW Honor Guard, and served as a volunteer at the Menard Medical Center. After retiring from FS, Harold was instrumental in forming the Vintage Ag Association (VAA) in Menard County.

Over the years, Harold enjoyed collecting "hit and miss" engines, making homemade ice cream, and keeping the volume on the TV just a little too loud. Harold did not seem to be bothered by dog hair from his dogs, Casey #1 and Casey #2. He loved camping, including sleeping on the ground way past the age of 70, and riding his motorcycle, even though we're not confident he should have. Harold was a skilled woodworker and whittled all of his own Christmas ornaments. He had a knack for misnaming his family members. A normal greeting from him might go something like, "Hey there Miiikee. I mean Jaakkkee. I mean Gaabbee. I mean Daaaveeee. What's up?" Harold loved a good pair of overalls, tending to his giant goldfish, and a healthy slice of pimento loaf. Harold loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by many.

He is survived by his sister, Hermina Stier of Petersburg, IL; three sons, Kevin (Carrie, former spouse) (Martha, companion) Stier of Scales Mound, IL, David (Melissa) Stier of Sherman, IL, and Michael (Susan) Stier of Petersburg, IL; five grandchildren, Emily (Garrett, fiancé) Stier of Dubuque, IA,, Jacob (Emilee) Stier of Dubuque, IA, Abigail (Edward) Radetic of St. Louis, MO, Gabriel (Jennifer, companion) Stier of Bloomington, IL, and Amber Stier, of Petersburg, IL; one great-grandchild, Ainsley Radetic of St Louis, MO. Harold was preceded in death by his wife (Helen), son (Randy), grandson

(Isaac), parents (Louie & Hermina), and brother (George).

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd from 9:00 – 11:00 am with a funeral service to follow at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Stier Family Memorial Scholarship through the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

In true Harold fashion, he didn't find much use in saying goodbye. To honor Harold's memory, take yourself to the Hardees in Petersburg, get a cup of coffee, and say, "Now yuns come back!" or "See ya later!"

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
120 W Monroe
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2453

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SE

“ So, sorry to hear of Harold's passing worked at FS with him years ago- such a fun and nice co-worker.

Always, had a funny story for us girls in the office.

Hope, soon your tears will be replaced by smiles of all your wonderful memories.

*Sandy Estill
Petersburg*

Sandy Estill - January 05, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ Kevin - As reading your dear fathers obituary it brought me to tears. What a wonderful tribute to him and to your family. I'm pretty sure I would have enjoyed his company. Embrace those wonderful memories Harold has left you with. Maybe Harold and my dad Elmer (passed on Dec 15, 2022) have crossed paths and became friends? I'm just guessing if they did, we can expect some shenanigans to take place here and in Heaven. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Angie Harter - Dubuque Iowa

Angie Harter - January 01, 2023 at 07:16 PM

MM

“ *Stier Families:*

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Harold whom I have known for years.

He always had a few funny words to say when Bob & I would see him around Petersburg.

My thoughts and prayers are for all of you.

Mary Jo Morlee

Mary Morlee - January 01, 2023 at 03:20 PM

LF

“ *Love from - The Collins Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold Louis Stier.*



Love from - The Collins Family - December 31, 2022 at 11:57 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Louis Stier*



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 31, 2022 at 08:49 AM

YR

“ Prayers and sympathy to the Stier family. 🙏 Dave, I don't know if I ever shared this story with you but I remember one Christmas morning waking up to no heat in our mobile home, calling your dad and he immediately came out to fill our tank so we would have a warm home to open Santa's gifts. He was a very special man and I'll never forget how he came to our rescue that Christmas Day. Thinking of all of you at this time 😞

Yvonne Raikes - December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM

DW

“ So sorry to hear this. My condolence to all. Dave Winkelmann

David Winkelmann - December 30, 2022 at 11:24 PM