



## Loren "Putt" Miller Dirks

August 2, 1926 - January 30, 2016

Loren "Putt" Miller Dirks, 89, of Petersburg, died at 6:15 pm on January 30, 2016 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. He was born August 2, 1926, the son of Peter and Louise Miller Dirks. He married Hope O'Brien Howell on November 28, 1952 in Petersburg, IL. She preceded him in death on January 15, 1988.

Loren is survived by 2 sons, Gary (Jean) Howell of Pittsburg, IL and James (Ellie) Howell of Willingboro, NJ, 6 grandchildren, Craig Howell, Hope (Mark) Onysio, LTC. Kristopher (Julie) Howell, Joshua (Kathy) Howell, Kelly Bollen, and Melissa (Eddie) Kowalewski, and 6 great grandchildren, Jacob Onysio, Sarah Onysio, Alexandria Howell, Elisabeth Howell, James Howell, and Isaiah Howell. He was preceded in death by his wife, a grandson Michael Howell, 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Loren was a member of Greenview Lodge #653 AF&AM, Scottish Rite of Springfield, Ansar Temple and St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church of

Petersburg. He worked as an inspector for Illinois Dept. of Agriculture and farmed for many years. Putt was a card carrying die-hard Cubs fan since 1933. Hope sprang eternal for Putt each spring as he rooted for his beloved Cubs with an unrivaled loyalty and passion. A trip to Wrigley Field with Putt was truly a pilgrimage to hallowed ground.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 at 11:00 am at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. Visitation will be one hour prior. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Greenview, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church.

Online condolences may be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home of Petersburg is assisting the Dirks family with arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

Greenview, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ Loren "Putt" Miller Dirks

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ I am a high school classmate and friend of Putt. I am an academic and thus always respected his good mind. In my last visit with him, this past fall, it was good to find him much better adjusted to his home. I will miss chatting with my friend about farming, mutual friends, and days gone by. Remember The good times as I do.

Dale Wilhelm  
Columbus, Ohio

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Dale,

He spoke of you often with fondness. He was a good thinker and well read in many areas. Thank you for remembering him. He was one of a kind. You were there in a picture of a class reunion.

Best regards,

Larry Dirks

Larry Dirks - February 03, 2016 at 08:23 PM