



Marvin W Doerr

January 4, 1936 - February 19, 2026

Marvin W. Doerr, 90, of Springfield, formerly of Petersburg and Havana, passed away with his wife by his side at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, February 19, 2026. He was born January 4, 1936, in Knox County, Nebraska, to John and Emma (Anders) Doerr. He married Lillian Shermer on June 9, 1957, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Plainview, Nebraska.

Mr. Doerr is survived by his wife, Lillian, of Springfield; five children: Julie (Virgil) Farnen, Dan (Carie) Doerr, Rhonda Wessel, Darla (David) Ridenour, and Dellis (Jessica) Doerr; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers: Harlan Doerr, Norris Doerr, Harold Doerr, Myron Doerr, Dennis Doerr; three sisters: Dorothy Liibbe, Fern Kremier, and an infant sister; three grandchild sons: William, Salvatore and Daniel Doerr; as well as son-in-law, Tim Wessel.

Mr. Doerr was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg, IL. He enjoyed vacations in Minnesota where he loved to go boating and fishing. One of his favorite vacation spots was Colorado and snow skiing. He also had his pilots license and enjoyed flying. He always looked forward to traveling home to Nebraska and spending time with his family. While there he could be found in the fields with his brothers. He loved living in an agricultural community where he enjoyed occasionally hitching a ride in a combine with local farmers.

He especially enjoyed family reunions and making homemade ice cream.

After leaving Nebraska Mr. Doerr and his family lived in Renton, WA where he worked at Boeing as an inspector. Then they were off to Indianapolis, IN where he attended and graduated with honors from Indiana College of Mortuary Science. He took his first job at a funeral home in Danville, IL. Mr. Doerr and his family then moved to Havana in 1965 where he owned and operated Doerr Memorial Home. During his 43 years as a mortician and funeral director he also worked at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana and also managed Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg until his retirement in 2004.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Petersburg, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the services.

Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, in Petersburg, following the services. Rev. Jeffery Gross will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, or Menard County Food Pantry. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Visitation

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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120 W Monroe
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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marvin W Doerr



Hurley Funeral Home - February 27 at 02:15 PM

MW

“ Michael Wheat lit a candle in memory of Marvin Doerr



Michael Wheat - April 09 at 10:11 AM

CM

“ Lillian: We were sad to learn of Marvin's passing. Marvin and you were great friends and neighbors to our parents. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Brian and Carol Morgan

Carol Morgan - February 27 at 07:15 AM

DJ

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Uplifting prayers and blessings sent to your family during this time of need and grief.

Charles Jordan Family



Denise Jordan - February 26 at 07:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin W Doerr.



February 25 at 11:46 PM

TF

“ The Bierman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin W Doerr.

The Bierman Family - February 25 at 01:40 PM

TF

“ The Bierman Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marvin W Doerr.



The Bierman Family - February 25 at 01:40 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin W Doerr.*



February 25 at 09:11 AM



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February 25 at 08:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin W Doerr.*



February 25 at 08:59 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for Lillian and family. My dad always enjoyed visiting with Marvin in years past. I will always remember his kindness and caring attitude.*

Rita Ortman - February 24 at 06:30 AM

PG

“ Patricia Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Marvin Doerr



Patricia Gilbreath - February 23 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mark & Carol Buchanan & family

carol buchanan - February 23 at 11:57 AM

RB

“ Robin Baughman lit a candle in memory of Marvin Doerr



Robin Baughman - February 23 at 09:38 AM

LY

Lillian, Darla and Rhonda, so sorry to hear about your loss. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lynne - February 23 at 01:52 PM

CK

“ Prayer to the family. So sorry for your loss.

Carol Fisk Kolves - February 22 at 05:53 PM

DM

“ I thought he was a super guy and loved his wife too. They were great people for this community.

Dorothy Morgan - February 22 at 05:41 PM

JH

“ Mrs. Doerr and Family,

I am deeply sorry for your loss. Marvin was a steady and respected presence in the Havana and Petersburg communities for many years. As a young man growing up in Havana, I had the privilege of seeing firsthand the dignity and professionalism he brought to the calling of funeral service. Alongside Dick Hurley, he helped shape my early understanding of what it means to care for families during their most difficult moments. His example played a meaningful role in influencing my own path into this profession.

Please know my thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Jim Hough

Jim Hough - February 22 at 04:49 PM

RC

“ Richard & Lanette Crum lit a candle in memory of Marvin W Doerr



Richard & Lanette Crum - February 22 at 04:13 PM



“ Julie I am sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.

Kath Simmering - February 22 at 04:00 PM

JY

“ Very sorry for your loss, such a nice man 🙏

Jackie Young - February 22 at 03:15 PM

ES

“ So sorry for your family's loss! He will be missed by all that knew him.



Elva Stigall - February 22 at 02:01 PM

BH

“ Sorry for your loss Dellis and family.

Butch Holstlaw - February 22 at 01:19 PM

TH

“ Terni Hinrichs sent a virtual gift in memory of Marvin Doerr



Terni Hinrichs - February 22 at 12:29 PM

JT

“ Prayers and condolences.

jennifer bryant trimpe - February 22 at 11:40 AM

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss! May you find strength & comfort during this difficult time for your family.



Lisa (Ulrich) Thompson - February 22 at 10:42 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - February 22 at 10:30 AM