



Orley Welker Jr.

December 2, 1927 - April 25, 2015

Orley Welker, Jr. 87, of Havana passed away at 10:36 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Mason District Hospital in Havana. Born December 2, 1927 in Fulton County to Orley Sr. and Frieda (Meyer) Welker, he married Verla Atwater on May 26, 1950. Surviving are his wife, son Robert D. and Daughter Nancy (Ed) Oest all of Havana, 3 grandchildren: Emma, Joby, and Jed, 4 great-grandsons and a special friend, Daisy Dog. Orley was preceded in death by his parents, and twin daughters, Annette and Nanette.

Orley graduated from Lewistown Community High School and attended the University of Illinois and Western Illinois University. He taught elementary school briefly and went to work for Illinois Power Co. for 18 years. He was a Business Manager of IBEW Local 51 in Springfield and went on to work as an International Representative with the 6th District IBEW retiring in 1993. He spent 29 years in the U. S. Air Force and 183rd Tactical Fighter Squadron retiring as a Colonel in 1980.

Orley loved to fish, hunt mushrooms, ride his "Gator" and work cross-word puzzles. He and Verla were able to do quite a lot of traveling being in all 50 U.S. States, Mexico, Canada, and 2 trips to Europe traveling on a train pass from Switzerland.

He was a member of American Legion Post #138 in Havana and a member of Central Christian Church in Havana.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at Central Christian Church, 215 S. Broadway, Havana, IL, Visitation will be held

one hour prior, also at the church. Burial to follow at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Rev. Emily Renee Williams will be officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Central Christian Church in Havana or The Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of the arrangements; online messages may be left to the family at Hurleyfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Christian Church
215 South Broadway
Havana, IL 62644

Funeral

APR **29** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Orley Welker Jr.*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *When I was a child, Orley allowed my dad - Clem Haxton - to keep a fishing boat behind his Quiver Beach home. My dad and my mom's dad and I ran trot lines morning and evening in the summers. Fun times. Such generosity enriched my life in ways I still remember. May God's will for Orley be fulfilled, and may his family be comforted in their grief.*

Stan Haxton

Stan Haxton - April 29, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *We send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family for such a great loss!*

James & Laura Hardy

James Hardy - April 29, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ *Orley was a kind and congenial man who blessed so many; he will be greatly missed. Dennis Steckley*

Dennis Steckley - April 29, 2015 at 05:15 AM

JS

“ I was bless to have worked with Orley when he was an Assistant Business Manager for IBEW Local 51 and got to know his beautiful family. And at a later date he became Business Manager. He and Verla would always make our annual Christmas parties at IBEW Local 51. He and Verla graced us with their presence at my Retirement Party May 16, 2014 and again at the 2014 Annual Christmas Party. He was a wonderful and gentle man. He always had a smile for everyone at IBEW Local 51 and he will remain close in our hearts! It was our pleasure to know Orley.

With Our Prayers and Sympathy to Verla and Family,

Dick and Judy Sprinkel

Judy Sprinkel - April 28, 2015 at 06:42 PM

BS

“ we were neighbors with Arley. Diane & I are of same age we lived at River Banks Farm my sympathy to Arley's family

Bud Stockham - April 27, 2015 at 10:52 PM

VN

“ Vicky Ruff Nelson lit a candle in memory of Orley Welker Jr.



Vicky Ruff Nelson - April 27, 2015 at 09:15 PM

LS

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family. Alvin and Lorenda Spilker, Lewistown.

Lorenda/Alvin Spilkerl - April 27, 2015 at 02:45 PM