



## Ernest Ray Bennett

June 27, 1943 - June 17, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Ernest Ray Bennett

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Ernest Ray Bennett, age 82, of Carbondale, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

He was born on June 27, 1943 to Clarence Bennett and June (Lindsey) Bennett in Cobden, Illinois.

Ernest had worked as a mail sorter for the United States Postal Service and was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and coin collecting.

Survivors include two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four nieces and two nephews; six great-nieces and six great-nephews; and two sisters, Margaret Amett of Fennville, MI and Elaine (Timothy) Sims of St. Charles,

MO.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his three sisters, Carolyn Jane, Erma Dean, and Joan Diane Deming; and one son, Mark Allan Bennett.

No services will be held at this time. A Private Inurnment and ceremony will take place at a later date at Blairsville Cemetery.

The cremation of Ernest Ray Bennett will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Blairsville Cemetery

Cambria Road (County Road 9)  
Blairsville, IL 62918