



## Forrest Lee Ice

May 9, 1935 - January 12, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Forrest Lee Ice

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAIRO  
4815 Sycamore Street, Cairo, Illinois

Forrest Lee Ice, age 89, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away peacefully at home on January 12, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 9, 1935, in Miller City, Illinois, to James F. Ice and Anna Pearl Davison Ice.

Forrest's deep commitment to the land defined much of his life. As a lifelong farmer in Miller City, Illinois, he worked tirelessly supporting his family, and making a lasting impact on the local farming community. His steadfast work ethic, love for God, and quiet wisdom were evident to all who knew him. He is remembered for his humor, his story telling, and his love for playing games with his family, who were the center of his world. He took great pride in their accomplishments and well-being.

In addition to his work on the farm, Forrest served his country with distinction in the Illinois National Guard and Army Reserves from 1955 through 1963.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents and by his son-in-law Glenn Shelby.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Laura Jo Worthington Ice; their three children Stephanie (Tim) Gibson, Eric Lee Ice, and Elizabeth Maria Shelby (Robert Champion); two grandchildren, Daniel Forrest (Courtney) Johnston and Madison Leigh Shelby; two great-grandchildren, Haley and Archer Johnston. He is also survived by his sister, Beatrice Williams.

His passing leaves a profound void in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

To honor Forrest's wishes, no memorial service is planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude's Hospital. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to all those who have offered their love and support during this difficult time.

Forrest's memory will endure in the hearts of those who loved him. May he rest in peace, and may his legacy live on forever.

The cremation of Forrest Lee Ice will be Handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“Forrest Lee, you will be missed. My memories of you go back to Willard Grade School and Cairo High School. You, me, and Laura Jo used to walk home together from grade school. You had us laughing all the way. My dad admired you so much for your dedication to farming and wisdom for such a young man, that he trusted only you to arrange double dates when I first started dating so you would be there to "protect" me. I know it wasn't the greatest fun for you, but I appreciated it, and I've always had fond memories of those days. Rest in peace. I wish you could have stayed longer.

Carol Calvert Ansardi - April 06 at 04:08 PM

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“Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are extended to the family. He was a fine man. Jack and Kathy Brey. 🙏

Kathy Brey - January 18, 2025 at 12:28 PM



Stephen Thomas

“My heartfelt condolences to Laura Jo and the family of Forrest Lee His calm demeanor exemplified his character, wisdom, love for his family, and love for his vocation. I am fortunate to have known him for most of my 80 years.

Stephen Thomas - January 14, 2025 at 05:06 PM

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“So sorry to hear about Forrest. We are both so honored to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Carol & Randy George - January 13, 2025 at 11:48 PM