



Frank Cruse Dettenbach

June 16, 1923 - February 24, 2015

Frank Cruse Dettenbach, 91, of Anna, formerly of Elgin, left this world in Jesus Christ to be with his loving wife in Gods Kingdom at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at his home.

He was born June 16, 1923 in East St. Louis to Clement and Mina (Cruse) Dettenbach. He married the love of his life, Hassie Pitts Lingle, on November 20, 1964. Together they lived in Elgin for 27 years and in 1991 they sold their home and moved to Panama City, Florida. She preceded him in death on August 17, 2004.

Frank lived his first 10 years of his life in East St. Louis and attended Sacred Heart Church and School. He was confirmed and received his first communion at Sacred Heart Church. In 1934, Frank, his brother Robert, and their mother moved to Southern Illinois in order for their mother to care for her handicapped mother. He attended Upper Elco School for 2 years. In 1936, after the death of his grandmother, Sarah (Poole) Cruse, his family moved to Thebes and he attended Thebes School where he graduated from high school in June of 1941. Frank farmed with his step father, Elmer Corzine, for 20 years in the Olive Branch and Tamms community. In 1963, he took a position with the Department of Mental Health in Elgin. He worked in various classifications until his retirement in 1986. While working in Elgin, he returned to school and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976 from Northeastern Illinois

University. Frank devoted the years between 1993 and 2004 caring for his beloved wife after she became ill and was unable to care for herself. After her death he lived in Anna until his death.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Jane Dettenbach of East Alton; niece, Cona (Dettenbach) Nanney and her husband, Alan Nanney of Highland, their two sons, Adam (Amanda) Nanney and Eric (Leah) Nanney and their children; sisters-in-law, Mary (Pitts) Hoyle of Anna, Ruth (Pitts) Forbes of Bristol, Illinois; niece, Loretta (Forbes) Schmidt, her husband Doug and their children of Yorksville, Illinois; step-sister, Louana Shaver and many cousins and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife; father, Clement Dettenbach; mother, Mina Cruse Corzine; step-father, Elmer (Baldy) Corzine, his beloved brother, Robert Dettenbach; step-sisters, Madilyn King and Eva Shaver; five uncles; four aunts; and a foster son who he loved as his own, Charles W. Poole.

Visitation will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Crain Funeral Home Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna with Father Federico Higuera officiating. Interment will follow at St. John's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Cruse Dettenbach*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We met Frank when we started delivering meals from Sunshine Inn, he was one of our favorite people. We will really miss seeing him each week. Deepest sympathy to all of his family. Charles and Dee Langford*

Charles and Dee Langford - March 03, 2015 at 05:18 PM