



Horace Esau (Bucky) Echols, Jr.

January 17, 1926 - December 8, 2021

Horace Esau (Bucky) Echols, Jr., age 95, of Anna, passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Veteran's Home in Anna.

He was born on January 17, 1926 to Horace Esau and Ruth (Crippen) Echols in Ullin. Bucky married Eleanora Ellis on August 21, 1971 and she survives him.

Bucky was an office manager and Superintendent of the Columbia Quarry in Ullin for many years. He was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church. Bucky was an infantry soldier in the United States Army, and served with the 3rd, 36th, and 63rd Infantry Divisions during World War II as a Wire Chief/Combat Infantry Soldier. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with three Battle Stars, French Croix DeGuerre Award, Good Conduct Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanora; two sons, Kendall (Charlotte) Echols and Mike (Venita) Maples; two daughters, Vicky (Rick) Duke and LaDonna (Michael Haack) Slayter; a sister, Wanda Watkins; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bill, Vaughn, and Maurice Echols; two sisters, Vesta Marks and Juanita Holderfield.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home in Anna. Funeral service will immediately follow at the funeral home with Rev. Darryl Williams officiating. Interment will take place after the service at McGinnis Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Anna Heights Baptist Church and envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

McGinnis Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Horace Esau (Bucky) Echols, Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Bucky was a wonderful Christian man. He and my dad worked together at the quarry in Ullin for years and went to school with my mother. In fact, Bucky gave me a picture of their class picture one day at church. Bucky loved the Lord and I am thankful he is in His presence and rejoicing with the heavenly choir. We are praying for God's comfort and His perfect peace for all the family during this time and in the days ahead.*

Kim and Toni Capel

Kim and Toni Capel - December 11, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you in your time of grief.*

Frank and Donna Abbott - December 10, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *I remember staying with Vicky and talking with Bucky about his service in WW II. He told me about Hitler's bunker and pictures they found. He was so interesting to talk with, so humble and a wonderful Christian man. May he rest in peace in the hands of Jesus.*

Sheila McCann - December 10, 2021 at 01:00 AM

JC

“ *Judy Calcutta lit a candle in memory of Horace Esau (Bucky) Echols, Jr.*



Judy Calcutta - December 09, 2021 at 09:25 PM

BE

“ *Becki Earnhart lit a candle in memory of Horace Esau (Bucky) Echols, Jr.*



Becki Earnhart - December 09, 2021 at 07:17 PM