



## Neal Deon Egner

April 13, 1941 - December 13, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Neal Deon Egner

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Neal Deon Egner, age 84, of Carbondale, passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on April 13, 1941 to Cornelius Jasper and Iris Mae (Ritter) Egner in Cairo, Illinois. On November 26, 1963, he married Linda Jewell Manus at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Illinois.

Deon graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and then went to work for the Illinois Department of Agriculture as a Livestock Marketing Specialist. As a child, he was baptized and joined Cache Chapel United Methodist Church, later transferred membership to Sherman United Methodist Church in Sherman, IL, and finally transferred his membership to Grace United Methodist Church in Carbondale,

IL. Deon was an avid fisherman and loved listening to or watching the St. Louis Cardinals.

Survivors include his wife of over 62 years, Linda; Children, Michele Egner (Giri) Giritharan of Carbondale, IL, Brent Egner of Kansas City, MO, and Nita Egner (Dean) Lewis of Almena, KS; seven grandchildren, Dr. Andrew Giritharan of Nashville, TN, Dr. Ashley Giritharan (Alejandro) Urunuela of Edmond, OK, Zachary Lewis of Windsor, CO, Evan Lewis of Evans, CO, Drake Lewis of Timnath, CO, Brock Lewis of West Des Moines, IA, and Grant Lewis of Kansas City, MO; one great-grandson, Mateo Urunuela; and sister, Bunny (Jack) Wolfe of Lake Stevens, WA; along with several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Elaine (Egner) Brown.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM with Larry Gilbert officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral Home.

Interment will follow the service at Cache Chapel Cemetery in Ullin, Illinois.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Cache Chapel Cemetery and/or Grace United Methodist Church lawncare. Memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

**Cache Chapel Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

### Funeral Service

DEC 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

### Interment

DEC 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Cache Chapel Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ Thank you for Linda's christmas letter telling us of Deon's passing. We will miss him. Prayers that memories of which he is a important part console you at the hour of sorrow.



Ellen Robinson - February 09 at 11:20 AM

RM

“ Linda  
I can't even begin to tell you the overwhelming sadness I felt over Deon's passing. I have missed both of you. I'm glad you have a wonderful family to be with you. Sorry I haven't done better to keep in touch. Please feel free to contact me sometime(217-720-4387)❤️  
☐😊 Robyn McDannell

Robyn McDannell - December 29, 2025 at 08:02 PM

MK

“ Sending my deepest condolences and love to the entire family. So saddened to hear of Deon's passing and your family's deep loss.

Melissa Kerber-Long - December 27, 2025 at 01:24 PM

JO

“ Linda and family, So very sorry to hear of Deons passing. The Cordell family has such fond memories of Deon at Agriculture Market News with Johnny Ray and their laughter and jokes. Also many memories or them all fishing and having such a wonderful time. Our prayers go out to all of you and know he is enjoying fishing with Dad again.



Joyce Cordell Oxencis - December 24, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JM

“ Linda, Deon was probably one of the most influential people that I was ever associated with at Market News. He was the first to teach me the Hog Desk, with it came passion and patience. I wish I could have written a few more of his famous quotes. He had the respect of EVERYONE he worked with. Please accept my sympathy and prayers.

*Jerry Millburg*

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**Jerry Millburg** - December 21, 2025 at 08:56 PM

MS

“ Linda and family, Walt and I send our deepest sympathy on the loss of Deon. May he rest in peace. Prayers for the family.

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**Marj Schwager** - December 19, 2025 at 12:43 PM

AG

“ Fondly remembering Deon and Linda from the Sherman United Methodist church family. Prayers and hugs to Linda and family.

*Amy Glasscock  
Springfield, Il.*

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**Amy Glasscock** - December 19, 2025 at 10:16 AM

SB

*Our deepest sympathy to Linda and family. We have fond memories of Deon and the Egner family from your days in Sherman.*

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**Susan Burge** - December 21, 2025 at 08:06 PM

RM

“ Condolences to the family. Many fond memories from the band program and school activities at Williamsville with your family. From the McQuality family.

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**Rod McQuality** - December 18, 2025 at 10:37 PM

KF

“ *Kathiravellupillai Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Neal Deon Egner.*



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**Kathiravellupillai Family** - December 16, 2025 at 07:16 PM

MK

“ *Martha Sandlin, Rhonda & David Karl purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Neal Deon Egner.*



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**Martha Sandlin, Rhonda & David Karl** - December 16, 2025 at 05:02 PM

JE

“ *Linda  
Carmen and I send our condolences to you and your family. We are very sorry we're unable to attend.  
Carmen and Jim Epstein*

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**Jim Epstein** - December 16, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Neal Deon Egner.*



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December 16, 2025 at 02:27 PM