



Russell Mertz

December 9, 1946 - December 27, 2021

Russell Mertz, age 75, of Paducah, formerly of Anna and Cairo, passed away on Monday, December 27, 2021 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was born on December 9, 1946 to Everett and Charlotte (Russell) Mertz in Cairo. Russell married Ellen Rose on August 16, 1975, and she survives.

Russ was a graduate of the Cairo High School class of 1965 and a graduate of Murray State University. He was a lifetime member of Evangelical Lutheran Church and its predecessors. Russ worked in newspaper advertising sales and on air radio work. He served four years in the United States Navy and was stationed in the Republic of the Philippines.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen; his daughter, Jennifer (Mike) McCann of Ledbetter, Kentucky; grandson, Vincent McCann of Paducah, Kentucky; brother-in-law Ralph "Chico" Travis of Anna; and several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carol Travis; and niece, Sarah Prather.

Visitation will be from 4-7 Thursday, Dec. 30, at Lutheran Church of the Cross

in Metropolis. Services will be at 11am Friday, Dec. 31 at the church with Pastor David Deem officiating. Interment will be later in Mound City National Cemetery.

The family requests with gratitude that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to PAWS Place Animal Shelter, 52 Dogwalk Rd., Anna, IL 62906 (pawspaws.org). Envelopes will be available at the church.

Cemetery Details

Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lutheran Church of the Cross
2601 North Ave
Metropolis, IL 62960

Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lutheran Church of the Cross
2601 North Ave
Metropolis, IL 62960

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Mertz*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Barry Goddard lit a candle in memory of
Russell Mertz*



Barry Goddard - December 30, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Becky L Hunt lit a candle in memory of
Russell Mertz*



Becky L Hunt - December 30, 2021 at 04:28 AM



“ *Ellen, my heart goes out to you, your daughter and grandson. You had a unique husband with a great personality. I know the love he had for his family. Our prayers of comfort are lifted for you. Love,
Mary Susan and Craig Worthington.*

Mary S. Worthington - December 29, 2021 at 04:35 PM

MS

“ So very sorry for your loss. I worked with Russ at the newspaper many years ago. He was such a funny guy! He was so very proud of his daughter. Sympathy & hugs,

Mary Nash-Swink

mary nash swink - December 28, 2021 at 02:29 PM

CT

Ellen and Jennifer. So sorry for your great loss. Praying for you all and Vincent. Hugs, Carolyn Thomas

Carolyn Thomas - December 29, 2021 at 07:49 PM

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My prayers are with the family. Russ called on me and my business selling us advertising, he spoke of his family and was very proud of you both. He was a swell man.

Linda Lence - January 04, 2022 at 01:58 AM