



Russell Earl Stearns Sr.

October 1, 1934 - January 20, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Russell Earl Stearns, Sr.

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Russell Earl Stearns, Sr., 89, of Murphysboro, passed away at 8:06 AM on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Russell was born on October 1, 1934 in Pomona to Lucian and Ruby (Hickam) Stearns. He married Norma Celestine Lindsey on September 11, 1952 and she preceded him in death. Later he married Shirley Lipe and she also preceded him in death.

Russell worked as a logger and at Granite City Steele and was last employed and retired from Caterpillar in Mapleton where he worked in the foundry.

He is survived by his children, Russell, Mike, Rick, Shelia, Cindy, and Twyla; brother, Claude Stearns and wife Joyce and their children, Heath and Cheryl; cousins, John Hickam, Kenny Spaulding, and Bobby Holt; his beloved dog

and best pal Benny; sister-in-law, Joyce Rains; brother-in-law, Gerald Lindsey and wife Jeananne; many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Norma; second wife, Shirley; and son, Richard Stearns.

We are going to miss you Dad.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Brother Billy Carter officiating. Burial will follow at Murdale Gardens of Memory in Murphysboro.

Visitation will be on Monday from 1:00 PM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Association or the Diabetes Foundation and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Grandpa, you were and always will be my hero... You loved and protected me from a baby on into a grown woman... You taught me so much throughout my life from knowing my right from my left, how to tie my shoes, about caring for farm animals, how to hold my own, about music, Jesus and that it was ok to be different and stand my ground with right an wrong. I'll miss our talks, especially the ones when you laughed an your belly shook an even the ones with the lowered eye brow... Your strength and wisdom will forever be instilled in me, you were the best Granddad.

Jeanne Stearns - January 28, 2024 at 11:25 PM

RS

“ So many memories of you grandpa, too many to name and so many I cherish. To me you were invincible and I believed would live forever. You will live in my heart forever. Give Brittany a hug for me. Miss you. Love you.



Russell Patrick Stearns - January 25, 2024 at 07:19 PM

CI

“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Russell Stearns



Cindy - January 23, 2024 at 06:05 PM

TW

“ *Twyla lit a candle in memory of Russell Stearns*



Twyla - January 23, 2024 at 06:03 PM