



## William "Earl" Jennings

February 17, 1919 - April 19, 2015

William "Earl" Jennings, 96, of Murphysboro, passed away at 3:50 a.m. Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Carbondale Rehab and Nursing Center II, Carbondale.

William was born on February 17, 1919, in Jackson County, Illinois, to George Jennings and Lora (Eaton) Jennings.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Jennings was a carpenter for thirty three years and was a member of the Carpenter's Local # 638 of Marion. He was a member of the Murphysboro Masonic Lodge # 498. He was also a member of the Pleasant Hill Christian Church.

Earl married Erma Reiman on August 14, 1938, in Ava, and she preceded him in death on January 1, 1996.

Survivors include four children Michael K. Jennings and his wife Patsy Jennings of Ava, David B. Jennings of Murphysboro, Lois Elaine Turnage and her husband Raymond Kumacha of Vergennes, IL and Gilbert, AZ, and Phyllis Ripley and her husband Bill Ripley of Murphysboro;

seven grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and two great great granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, three brothers Carl Jennings, John Jennings, and Russell Jennings, four sisters Velma Kimmel, Inez Antiloch, Pearl Nausley, and Stella Stahlheber.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Pleasant Hill Christian Church and burial at Pleasant Hill Cemetery with military services conducted by the Paul Stout American Legion Post # 127. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Pettett Funeral Home where Masonic Services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Pleasant Hill Christian Church, the Shiner's Children's Hospital, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Crain Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Earl" Jennings



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**Crain Funeral Home** - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ William "Earl" Jennings

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Dear cousins: we are so very sorry for the loss of your dad. He was such a pleasure to talk to and to be around. He was always smiling. We think of him with such fond memories. Love your family.

Sheila (Jennings) Orr (Kenny)

Judy (Jennings) White (Larry)

DJ. White (Melissa) (Sheila's son)

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**Sheila (Jennings) Orr** - April 22, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ Mike and Jennings Family, we are so sorry to see the obit of your father. Hopefully his memories will bring you all comfort.

Peace,

Earlene Freeman

Judy Freeman-McCullough

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**Judy Freeman-McCullough** - April 21, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ Sending my condolences to the Jennings family. It was a honor to help Earl in his home. Enjoyed his wisdom. Enjoyed his history shared thru the years. He loved and cherished you all very much. Always looking forward to the next adventure. Appreciated all what everyone did. His soul will never be forgotten. He was grateful to anyone who could help him. Keep his legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds and carry on. He is finally with his lovely bride and does not have to worry about feeling sick or unstable ever again. Heaven just got blessed more and more. Hugs and prayers. In Christian love and service, Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL

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**Karen McMinn** - April 20, 2015 at 06:43 PM

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“ Lois & Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss.

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**Elaine (White) Ude** - April 20, 2015 at 01:54 PM