



Earl Ellis Macksey

October 26, 1919 - January 3, 2018

Earl Macksey, 98, of Oskaloosa passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at the Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa

Earl Ellis Macksey, son of Thomas Dennis and Lena Belle Tessman Macksey, was born October 26, 1919, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Earl was a 1937 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. March 1, 1942, he began his career with the United States Postal Service. He served exactly one month with the Postal Service before being drafted into the U.S. Army, April 1, 1942. He transferred to the Army Air Corp., October 29, 1942, and served in Europe with the 305th Bomb Group and the 364th Bomb Squadron. January 1, 1945, on his 30th mission over Germany, in which he was a bombardier/navigator, his plane, a B-17, was shot down and he was taken prisoner-of-war. He was held at Stalag 1, north of Berlin, near Barth, Germany by the Baltic Sea and held for four months. He revealed that he was treated decently by the Germans. However, it was found that Earl was given very little food, suffered physical and emotional abuse, and was living in frigid conditions. But true to Earl's nature, he never complained. Following his discharge, Dec. 19, 1945, he stayed in the Army Reserves for a total of 20 years and was discharged as a Major. Earl also resumed his employment with the Postal Service after his overseas service. He worked as a clerk at the Oskaloosa Post Office for 39 years and retired in January 1981.

Earl's sister Rose and future wife, Joan Marie Boyle were roommates at Marycrest College in Davenport. They would meet in the chapel to pray for

Earl's release from the P.O.W. camp and Earl's safety.

While visiting his sister, Rose at Marycrest College in Davenport, he met his future wife, Joan Marie Boyle. They married, June 16, 1947, at St. Patrick's Church in Iowa City. They were blessed with six children with two sets of twins. Earl was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the American Legion. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing cards and games, reading science fiction and James Patterson mystery novels. He was also a fan of the New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs, L.A. Lakers, Chicago Blackhawks, and Iowa Hawkeyes.

In his retirement, he took over his children's Des Moines Register and Oskaloosa Herald newspaper routes. Additionally, he took care of his siblings, taking them grocery shopping and caring for them until they all passed away. Earl and Joan moved to assisted living, at Homestead and continued as a devoted caretaker for his wife until her death in 2014. While at Homestead, he made daily visits to the family home to care for his cats. His last year and half of life, he resided at the Oskaloosa Care Center. Earls' family greatly appreciated the wonderful care he received at both Homestead and the Oskaloosa Care Center,

Earl's family includes his children: Jane Macksey Clark of Centerville, Ohio, Stephen Macksey of Chicago, Maureen "Molly" (Greg) McCaulley of Oskaloosa, Anne (Michael) Reese of Wheaton, IL, David (Tina) Macksey of Chicago, IL and Daniel (Carla) Macksey of Rolling Meadows, IL; ten grandchildren; and soon anticipated great-grandchild; a sister, Sister Karen "Rose Margaret" Macksey of Davenport, IA; a sister-in-law, Barbara Feeney of Iowa City; a brother-in-law, Stephen (June) Boyle of Portland, OR; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Joan of 67 years; four brothers: Harold Leo, Wilford, Cecil "Marian" and Robert Macksey; and three sisters: Katherine and Marguerite Macksey and Lucille Kearney. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 6, 2018, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa with Rev. John Spiegel

officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. A Rosary will be held at the Langkamp Funeral Chapel at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Oskaloosa, IA 52577
oskystmary@diodav.org

Previous Events

Open Visitation

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

Rosary

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Mass of the Ressurrection

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Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Ellis Macksey*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Love you Grandpa, Douglas:)*

Douglas - June 18, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ *Dear Molly and Family, I an so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Ellize and Joe Caligiuri

ellize - January 08, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *Tina, So sorry for your loss, condolences to you and your family!*
Donna Stone



Donna Stone, RN - January 05, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ *Maria Rodriguez, RN lit a candle in memory of Earl Ellis Macksey*



Maria Rodriguez, RN - January 05, 2018 at 11:29 AM

AE

“ Tina, sending condolences to you and your husband and family. Your Blue Cross family is keeping you in our prayers.

Amy Ehrich - January 05, 2018 at 09:40 AM

SG

“ Susan Vega Garcia lit a candle in memory of Earl Ellis Macksey



Susan Vega Garcia - January 05, 2018 at 08:40 AM

SV

“ Susan Vega Garcia & Evelyn Vega purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Earl Ellis Macksey.



Susan Vega Garcia & Evelyn Vega - January 05, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Ellis Macksey.



January 05, 2018 at 05:48 AM

TM

“ Tina Macksey lit a candle in memory of Earl Ellis Macksey



Tina Macksey - January 04, 2018 at 10:40 PM

NM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. We have all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Nancy Stapp McCurdy
and
Donald McCurdy



Nancy Stapp McCurdy - January 04, 2018 at 06:05 PM

DW

“ Jane & entire Macksey family. . .
Sending our sympathy to all of you.
May your memories of family times help in the days ahead.
Larry & Deb (Gurwell) White

Deb White - January 04, 2018 at 09:29 AM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of Earl's passing, he was such a nice person and I am sure the family will miss him so much. Keep those fond memories close to your hearts in the coming days and years.

Myrna Panno - January 04, 2018 at 07:54 AM

PM

“ Pat Macksey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earl Ellis Macksey.



Pat Macksey - January 04, 2018 at 12:04 AM



“ i remember how such great neighbors they was to our family growing up, especially picking apples from thier apple tree. May you rest in peace!!

Afton Keovongsack - January 03, 2018 at 11:11 PM

RL

“ Macksey family,
So sorry for the loss of your father. I can remember when we first moved in our house down the street from your parents - your dad delivered our newspaper - your mom would always come and collect for him. He was a very nice man - May he Rest in Peace

Ron and Connie Lanphier

Ron and Connie Lanphier - January 03, 2018 at 10:22 PM

CM

“ Cindy Mott lit a candle in memory of Earl Ellis Macksey



Cindy Mott - January 03, 2018 at 09:23 PM

SH

“ Earl was a super nice guy. Always laughing and making me laugh while I cleaned his room at OCC.

Sheri - January 03, 2018 at 09:20 PM

JH

“ Earl was such a sweet good natured guy. I got acquainted with him when I visited the residents at the Oskaloosa Care Center. He was one of my favorite residents and we became friends. We had good times talking about sports especially about the teams from Chicago. We both love cats and we talked about how precious our cats were to us. He would never let me leave his room until I prayed for him. Earl will be greatly missed. He was a special guy.

Joyce Hoyt - January 03, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Earl was one of the sweetest guys I've ever met. He was a buddy of my Dad's, Ace Toll, at the Osky Care Center. Earl was always talking about sports, especially his Cubbies. Such a joy to see him most every day for the past year. He sat with Dad and two others at meal time, so I got to see him alot. Very, very sweet man. I'm very thankful for the past year of memories with him and am going to miss him. RIP Earl and thank you for being so kind to us!

Patti Hernandez - January 03, 2018 at 08:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Ellis Macksey.



January 03, 2018 at 07:45 PM

KL

“ *What a dear man. I loved reading his life story. My sympathy and prayers to Earls family.*

Kathy Job Larsen

Kathy Larsen - January 03, 2018 at 07:06 PM