



William L. Headrick

March 18, 1927 - December 15, 2016

William L. Headrick of Salem, Missouri passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2016 in Salem, Missouri at the age of 89. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Herman and Grace (Norris) Headrick on March 18, 1927.

William enlisted in the United States Navy at Bloomington, California on March 12, 1945 and entered into active duty May 3, 1945 in Los Angeles, California where he served on the U.S.S. Haynsworth DD700 and the U.S.S. Beatty DD756. He was honorably discharged on August 6, 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri. While serving he received a degree in Diesel Engineering.

On October 6, 1956 Mr. Headrick was united in marriage to Miss Shirley Joyce Schmucke and to this union two children were born. They spent 48 wonderful years together before her passing on November 15, 2004.

William was a life time member of the American Legion Post #99; a member of the Carpenters Local Union #2298 for 65 plus years; board member of the Dent County Farm Bureau; District board member Dent County Soil and Water; also a member of the Dent County Cattlemen's Association, the University of Missouri Extension Council and Cardinals Brick Paver Program.

William is survived by children, Bill Headrick and wife Stephanie of Imperial, Missouri, Sherry Porter and husband Gene of Huntsville, Alabama; brother, Clark Jay Headrick and wife Joan of California; sisters, Joanne Otto of St.

Louis, Missouri, Gracia Carter of St. Louis, Missouri; grandchildren, Ryan, Samantha and Timothy Headrick, Gianna and Greta Porter; long time companion, Arlene Cornell; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, Herman and Grace, William was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; brother-in-laws, Ed Otto and Russ Carter.

Funeral services for William L. Headrick will be held 11:00AM Thursday, December 22, 2016 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr with JJ Tune officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 5:00PM - 7:00PM at the Chapel. Interment will be held in the Victor Cemetery in Anutt, Missouri. Memorial in lieu of flowers to DCAWS and/or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Autobiography by William Headrick:

William Lloyd Headrick 3-18-1927-

I was born at Wilmington Ave just off Morgan Farm Road in St. Louis, Missouri.

We had a small frame house with L.C. Kettinger and Guy and Rita Porter as neighbors.

The first I remember is Mom taking me out back to the brick alley and throwing my bottle on the bricks, breaking it, saying bottle gone.

Cemetery Details

Victor Cemetery

Anutt, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
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Tribute Wall



“ *William L. Headrick*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *William L. Headrick*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dear Cousins--*

Even at this age, it is very hard for you to lose your father, and your "big brother." I have been thinking of you, and Bill, of course. I didn't really get to know him until well after we were adults, and he was always a kind and friendly cousin to me.

I hope to see you, but I am not sure of that.

With love, Joyce

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