



Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey

April 20, 1931 - November 11, 2017

Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey, son of the late Ernest Guy Massey and Doris "Nadine" Towe Robertson, was born April 20, 1931 south of Springfield, Missouri. He passed away Saturday, November 11, 2017 in his home surrounded by his family having attained the age of 86 years, 6 months and some change.

Ernie attended school in Devil's Elbow, Missouri and graduated from Waynesville High School in 1950. As a teenager, Ernie became licensed as a Missouri River Guide. Shortly after graduation, Ernie entered the United States Navy and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge.

In January 1953, Ernie was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Long and to this union four children were born: Paul Douglas, Tina Nadean, Dorothy Ann and Judy Kay. Patricia preceded him in death in 1963.

On May 1, 1964, Ernie was united in marriage to Verne Elizabeth "Bunnie" Shirley Whitehill in Union Town, Pennsylvania and two families were blended with the birth of their son, Ernie G. Massey, Bunnie's son, Bill Whitehill and Ernie's children: Paul, Tina, Dorothy and Judy. They were blessed with 53 ½ years of marriage together.

For a short time, Ernie worked in trailer sales at the Bel-Air Trailer Park that

was owned and operated by Melford and Bertie Egan. Ernie then went to work as a civil service employee on Fort Leonard Wood and retired in 1986 after 33 years. At the time of his retirement, he was the Communications Security Supervisor. After retiring from Fort Leonard Wood, Ernie worked again in Bel-Air Trailer Park until it closed in 2006.

Ernie was an avid outdoorsman and even at the age of 86, he was still splitting wood by hand. He also enjoyed working with rocks, camping, woodworking and traveling.

Ernie loved the river and enjoyed floating every chance he could. He did float trips on the Big Piney, Gasconade, and the Niangua. The longest float trip he ever went on was in 1986 which took a month to complete. He, along with Melford Egan, floated from Gasconade City to Panama City, Florida. Tom Lynch also went on the trip with them and went as far as Alabama.

Ernie was a long time member of the Waynesville United Methodist Church, and was a 60+ year member of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 AF & AM and the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple of Springfield, Missouri.

Ernie will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Verne "Bunnie" of the home; his children, Paul Massey (Syndi) of Laquey, MO, Tina Anderson (Todd) of Rolla, MO; Bill Whitehill of Grafton, IL, Judy Polt (Ken) of Sunrise Beach, MO; and Ernie Massey (Corky) of Devil's Elbow, MO; a host of loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and first wife, Ernie was preceded in death by one daughter: Dorothy Ann Massey; stepfather: Paul Thompson; and stepbrother: Harold "Jug" Thompson.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Patrick Moore officiating. Music was provided by pianist Cheryl Wood and Ernie's grandson, Joshua Massey. Serving as escorts were Ernie Guy Massey, Paul Massey, Bill Whitehill, Todd Anderson, Joshua Massey, Larry Threlkeld, Matthew (Woody) Cordoves and Terry Kaas. Serving as honorary escorts were Bob Terrio, Greg Mitchell, Don Cherico, Richard Lupardus, Bob Goodrich and Tom Lynch.

Burial with military honors followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Program and the U.S. Navy.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Massey to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 14, 2017 at 03:53 PM

BL

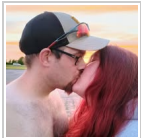
Love this tribute! What great memories! Uncle Ernie & Aunt Bunnie adore their family. So lucky to have shared in some of those times.

Berry & Shana Long - November 16, 2017 at 12:39 AM

LC

What a joyful life!

Larry Cox - April 09, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Angie Massey lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Massey*



Angie Massey - April 18, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

LC

“ Ernie, you were an inspiration to so many of us at the Communications Center. A great leader. A good friend. A trusted advisor. You rank among the best. I will miss you. And, yes, I still owe you a pry bar.

-- Larry Cox

Larry Cox - April 09, 2021 at 01:58 PM

LC

“ Linda COLE-SCHONBOK lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey



linda COLE-SCHONBOK - December 22, 2017 at 09:38 AM

FP

“ Your friends at the PX are thinking of you and your family.

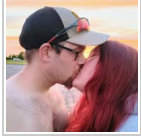


Friends at the PX - November 17, 2017 at 05:45 PM

BL

“ I have so many great memories of Uncle Ernie. He was always happy and had such great energy. I loved going down to visit Uncle Ernie & Aunt Bunny.

Berry & Shana Long - November 16, 2017 at 12:23 AM



“ *He was the most amazing man i love u papa*

Angie Massey - November 15, 2017 at 11:37 AM

PD

“ *Patti And Benny Dumas lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Patti and Benny Dumas - November 15, 2017 at 03:08 AM

SJ

“ *Bill, Alisa and Family: We are holding you in our hearts and thoughts hoping you find comfort and peace at this time. -Shelia and Family*

Shelia JefferiesSteward - November 14, 2017 at 03:26 PM

SH

“ *Sue Hayes lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Sue Hayes - November 14, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 14, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ We are saddened to learn of Ernie's passing. Keeping Bunny and the family in our thoughts and prayers.



The Hutchinsons - November 14, 2017 at 07:11 AM



“ Prayers and love to all. We lost a very sweet person that will missed by many



Wilma Wilson-Crawford - November 13, 2017 at 07:50 PM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Mary - November 13, 2017 at 06:41 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl Dalgetty lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Cheryl Dalgetty - November 13, 2017 at 06:39 PM

CF

“ *Cheryl Dalgetty Family lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Cheryl Dalgetty Family - November 13, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. ..My thoughts and prayers, go out to the Massey family...God Bless You..*



Margaret De Vido - November 13, 2017 at 06:22 PM

DA

“ Debra Adkins lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey



Debra Adkins - November 13, 2017 at 06:19 PM

LC

“ Linda Cole-Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey



Linda Cole-Schonbok - November 13, 2017 at 05:39 PM

LC

Sorry for your loss Bunny!!!

Linda Cole-Schonbok - November 13, 2017 at 05:40 PM

LR

“ Lee & Debora Rice lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey



Lee & Debora Rice - November 13, 2017 at 05:25 PM

SW

“ *Sandy Watson lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Sandy Watson - November 13, 2017 at 05:24 PM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathies.*



Janet Cross - November 13, 2017 at 04:48 PM

MR

“ *Marilyn Raines lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey*



Marilyn Raines - November 13, 2017 at 03:46 PM

SH

“ *Prayers to his family and friends.*

Susan Holloway - November 13, 2017 at 12:40 PM

DO

“ So sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. I have many fond childhood memories of Ernie. My deepest sympathy to Bunny and the entire family.

Donna Wagner Odegaard - November 13, 2017 at 11:30 AM

CM

“ Corky Massey lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" A. Massey



Corky Massey - November 13, 2017 at 11:27 AM

JP

Rest in peace Ernie. I'll always remember Pat and you.
Jamsey Pullen

James Pullen - November 13, 2017 at 02:00 PM