



## Bernie A. Ernst Sr.

July 29, 1931 - December 26, 2019

Bernie A. Ernst Sr., of Perryville, passed away Thursday, December 26, 2019 at his residence. He is resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus. Bernie lived 88 years and will be truly missed, but our memories of him will last forever

He was born July 29, 1931 in Biehle, MO the middle of 9 children to Joseph L. and Anna C. (Zoellner) Ernst.

He and Annamarie Balsman were married June 19, 1954 in Apple Creek, MO. She survives in Perryville, MO.

Bernie Sr. was a faithful member and usher of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of American Legion Post 133. Devoted husband of 65 years and loving Dad, he enjoyed farming, watching his crops grow and raising cattle. He always commented he didn't need to go anywhere on vacation because he spent his life getting where he wanted to be, "On the farm." He loved a good day's work and his wife's good meals. He enjoyed harvesting deer, small game and fishing. He loved riding his farm trails.

Other survivors include his three daughters and four sons, Debra Ernst of Imperial, MO, Wanda (Craig) Modde of Festus, MO, Randy (Donna) Ernst of St. Louis, MO, Derek (Helen) Ernst of St. Louis, MO, Brad (Lisa) Ernst of

Imperial, MO, Gina (John) Weinkein of Perryville, Bernie Ernst Jr. of Chester, IL; one sister, Anna Mae Blanc of Florissant, MO; five brothers, Joseph (Edith) Ernst of Lake St. Louis, MO, Stan (Barb) Ernst of Creve Couer, MO, Donald (Beverly) Ernst of Arnold, MO, Tom (Bonnie) Ernst of St. Louis, MO, Ed (Joy) Ernst of St. Louis, MO; ten grandchildren, Caleb Hill, Sarah Loness, Sam Modde, Spencer Ernst, Casey Ernst, Cassandra Dippold, Adam Ernst, Audreanna Ernst, Miranda Pohlman, Meghan Cowan and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Weldon and Birdie Ernst, Arnold and Margaret Ernst; and one brother-in-law, Jim Blanc.

Visitation will be held at Ford & Young Chapel on Monday, December 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and on Tuesday, December 31 from 6:30 to 9:30 am with rosary at 8:30 am. He will then be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church for funeral Mass at 10:00 AM with the Rev. Rich Wehrmeyer officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery with military honors provided by American Legion Post 133 and Delta Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church or Mid-America Transplant.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Young Chapel  
110 S. West St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Funeral Mass

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1000 Rosati Court  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernie A. Ernst Sr.*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Bernie A. Ernst Sr.*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *LeOnna Lewis Holliday lit a candle in memory of Bernie A. Ernst Sr.*



**LeOnna Lewis Holliday** - December 30, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *LeOnna & Vernon Holliday purchased the Sweet est Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Bernie A. Ernst Sr..*



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“ *We extend our sincere sympathy to all the family during this difficult time. Our belief and trust in God helps us to cope with trying times. Be assured of our prayers and thoughts and prayers for everyone.*

**Clarence & Thelma Nations** - December 29, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernie A. Ernst Sr..*



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December 29, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Kathy McDonald & family & Katie Grogan & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernie A. Ernst Sr..*



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**Kathy McDonald & family & Katie Grogan & family -**  
December 29, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Soar with Angels " GrandDad"*



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**Michelle Richardet-Ashby -** December 28, 2019 at 10:04 PM