



Leonard A. "Junie" Esselman

October 23, 1935 - September 28, 2016

Leonard A. "Junie" Esselman, 80, of Perryville was called to heaven at 12:55 pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. He lost his battle with cancer.

He was born in Perryville, MO on October 23, 1935, to James Leonard and Sophia B. (Martens) Esselman.

Leonard "Junie" was raised and lived on the family farm, married Shirley Roth and raised two girls, Lisa and Ann on that same farm, until his death. He loved animals, having two dogs. He enjoyed camping and going to auctions. Farming was his life, along with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Esselman; two daughters, Lisa (Dave) Perry of Arnold and Ann (Rich) Sharp of Weldon Spring; five grandchildren, Allen and Karen Perry, Josh, Matt, and Tim Sharp; one sister-in-law, Nellie Roth; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Raymond (Elverta) Esselman.

Visitation will be held at Young & Sons Funeral Home on Friday, September 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, October 1 from 6:30 to 9:50 am. Funeral Mass will be held Saturday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Sereno at 10:30 am with Father Rich Wehrmeyer officiating. Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to Masses

Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Leonard A. "Junie" Esselman

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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“ So sorry we were not there to say good bye..you and Shirley will forever be in my heart. I cannot thank you enough for the love and kindness you always had for me and Jamie..James and Jeremy.. I have so many special memories from Jeremy's first tractor ride..to riding in the fields on various equipment with all of us...your never ending love and compassion will always be a part of our memories. Love always..Ann and kids

Ann Roth - October 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories will always remain. My favorite memories of my godfather Junior are tractor rides when I visited as a little girl and the foreign stamps he always remembered to bring me from his trips overseas. My deepest sympathies.

Patti Homsey - September 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Gary & Joanne Van Booven - September 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Lenita Esselman Renner - September 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM