



## Reinhold A. Degenhardt

September 25, 1915 - March 5, 2013

Reinhold A. "Dixie" Degenhardt, 97, of Altenburg, MO died March 5, 2013 at Perry County Memorial Hospital in Perryville. He was born on September 25, 1915 in Wittenberg, MO, son of August G. and Mathilde S. (Poppitz) Degenhardt. He married Thekla Koch on April 21, 1940. She preceded him in death on October 31, 1975. He married Margie Engert Johnson in May 1978. She survives in Altenburg, MO. Initially Dixie farmed and was later employed as a meat cutter in Jackson, MO. He held various leadership positions (President, Elder, Treasurer, Trustee) at both Trinity Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran churches in Altenburg. He held various leadership positions with the local chapter of MFA Oil Co. He was active in the Lutheran Layman's League. He served numerous years as committee man for the Perry County Republican Party. Dixie played baseball for the Altenburg Aces in the 1940's, softball for the Trinity Lutheran team in the 1950's, and Dartball for the Trinity Lutheran Layman's League. He sent food and clothing to the Degenhardt relatives in East Germany following World War II. In 1960, he brought second cousin and East German refugee Heidi Schultz-Netzer to America, providing a home for her, and sent her to high school. Heidi married Albert Boettcher, Jr. Dixie worked at East Perry Lumber Co. from 1967 through 1980. He continued beef cattle farming until 1990. Survivors include four sons, Larry L. and Pearline Degenhardt of St. Louis, MO, Dewey D. and Marilyn Degenhardt of Jefferson City, MO, Lynn J. Degenhardt of Altenburg, Dean A. and Marguerite Degenhardt of Lisle, IL, one daughter, Connie S. Degenhardt Levy

(Griff Gresham) of Columbia; two step sons, Wayne and Lillette Johnson of St. Charles, MO, Kenneth Johnson of St. Louis; one sister, Paula Holt of Perryville; one brother, Wilmar W. Degenhardt of St. Louis; grandchildren, Grant and Christy, Ryan Degenhardt and Jeanne Aubuchon, Tyler and Sherlyn, Clay and Dori, Jennifer, Dawn, Monica, and David Degenhardt, Carly, Carrie, and Casie Levy, Marvin, Reina, and Tiffany Johnson; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Thekla; and one brother, Edgar. Visitation will be at Young & Sons East Perry Chapel in Altenburg on Friday, March 8 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, March 9 from 6:30 am to 8:30 am. He will then be taken to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altenburg for service at 10:00 am with Rev. Jonathan Stites officiating. Burial in church cemetery. Memorials are preferred United in Christ Lutheran School or Bethesda Home. Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



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October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you.I will always remember your dad with fond memories especially when I lived in Seelitz.May God be with all of you knowing that your dad is now in the best place ever!!!  
Kathy Schlimpert*

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March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM