



Wilmar Walter Degenhardt

March 24, 1925 - October 28, 2023

Wilmar W. Degenhardt of Altenburg MO passed away on October 28, 2023. He was born on March 24, 1925 on the Degenhardt family farm in the Seelitz Community, northeast of Altenburg MO, where he was raised. He was the son of August and Mathilda nee Poppitz Degenhardt, was baptized on March 29, 1925 and then confirmed in the Lutheran faith on April 10, 1938 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Altenburg MO. Wilmar strongly professed his Lutheran faith, as a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod at churches in Wisconsin and Missouri. His favorite bible verse was Ephesians 2, verse 8. For by GRACE I am saved through FAITH and this is not of my own doing: IT IS the GIFT of GOD. His family rejoices that he is now with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After his graduation from Perryville High School, he was chosen for the Y-12 Program, which educated young men during WWII in engineering so they would be available for the war effort. He graduated with a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Texas - Austin. After the war, he worked for the Case Farm Machinery Company in Racine Wisconsin. He later worked for Carter Carburetor Company in St Louis MO, from which he retired. He volunteered at Concordia Publishing House in St Louis MO, and at other church functions. He also spent much time helping his sister Paula Holt in Altenburg MO, and his brother Reinhold on the family farm.

He is survived by nephews & nieces; Larry (Pearline) Degenhardt of St. Louis, MO, Dewey (Marilyn) Degenhardt of Jefferson City, MO, Lynn Degenhardt of Altenburg, MO, Dean (Marg) Degenhardt of Lisle, IL, Connie Levy of Columbia MO, Leon Holt of Grand Rapids MI, Ruby Lehman of Cape Girardeau MO, and Sally Ann (Don) Chester of West Palm Beach FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Edgar E. Degenhardt, Reinhold A. (Dixie) Degenhardt; sister, Paula M. Holt.

Visitation will be from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Altenburg.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Altenburg with Rev. Frank Lucas officiating.

Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Altenburg.

Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church of Altenburg or United in Christ Lutheran School.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Altenburg, MO 63732

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
57 Church St.
Altenburg, MO 63732

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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“ I knew Wil for about 10 years (at Epiphany Lutheran Church in St. Louis). He was always friendly and a perfect gentleman. He had a wide range of interests, especially history and military topics. When I knew him he was well into his 80's but he always helped to decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. We missed him when he left St. Louis but we understood that he wanted to move closer to family. My condolences to his friends and family.
Anna Horton

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