



Alfred G. "Blackie" Emshousen

March 19, 1924 - September 15, 2018

Alfred G. "Blackie" Emshousen, age 94 of Alhambra, IL, died Saturday, September 15, 2018, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, March 19, 1924, in Edwardsville, IL, the son of Henry and Amanda (nee Taylor) Emshousen.

On Friday, May 27, 1983, he married Dorris C. Emshousen, nee Zobrist, at Edwardsville, IL, who survives.

He was a member of the Carpenter's Local.

Blackie was born at Edwardsville, lived most of his life there and was a 1951 graduate of Edwardsville High School. He served during World War II with the U.S. Army, 559th AAA Group-"Top hats" that was always within a few kilometers of the front line; participated in D-Day and the Normandy Invasion. He was a carpenter all of his life, working "out of the Hall" on residential and commercial jobs. Blackie was also a "hobby farmer" raising cattle, chicken, et al on his farm off of old Alton Road at Edwardsville. Working in his garden, took many hours in his retirement; he and his wife always followed the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team; and family and friends knew that there was Pinochle game whenever you visited their home.

Survivors include:

Wife - Dorris Catherine Emshousen, Alhambra, IL

Daughter - Vickie S. Jarrell, Highland, IL

Daughter - Linda K. Pfister, Granite City, IL

Grandchild - Burnell L. "Burnie" (Lori) Jarrell, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Nicole K. (Jeremy) Painter, Bradford, IL

Grandchild - Aaron M. (Brandy) Jarrell, Bunker Hill, IL

Grandchild - Stacey M. (Significant Other John Bailey) Pfister, Granite City, IL

Great Grandchild - Morgan B. DuFrain

Great Grandchild - Stormy N. DuFrain
Great Grandchild - Samantha P. Painter
Great Grandchild - Hampton M. DuFrain
Great Grandchild - Mark A. Painter
Great Grandchild - James C. Jarrell
Great Grandchild - Megan L. Painter
Great Grandchild - Tessa M. Koonce
Great Grandchild - Freddy C. Painter
Great Grandchild - Julianna J. Painter
Great Grandchild - Jake M. Jarrell
Great Grandchild - Aiden J. Painter
Great Great Grandchild - Mya S. Girardier
Great Great Grandchild - Zach M. Girardier
Great Great Grandchild - Alyssa N. Girardier
Great Great Grandchild - Madelyn M. Girardier
Great Great Grandchild - Emily G. Girardier
Great Great Grandchild - Lola M. Grammer
Great Great Grandchild - Layla N. Painter

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Henry William Emshousen, Sr. - Died 3/18/1961
Mother - Amanda Ray "Mandy" Emshousen, nee Taylor - Died 7/25/1960
Brother - Infant Emshousen - Died 7/15/1920
Brother - Fred W. Emshousen - Died 11/27/2003
Twin Brother - Albert G. "Bonnie" Emshousen - Died 11/12/2005
Brother - Henry W. Emshousen, Jr. - Died 6/15/2011
Sister - Loretta D. Lawrence - Died 3/06/2012
Sister - Betty Ann Venable - Died 12/19/2014
Sister - Delores R. Bustamante - Died 1993
Great Grandchild - Courtney R. Steward - Died 4/04/2006.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Jeremy Painter, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was sorry to learn of our VFW Comrade Emshousen passing. I was never fortunate enough to meet "Blackie," who was a Life Member of Fisher-Weeks VFW Post 1299 in Edwardsville.

As we speak in our ritual; "When the call of our country was heard, Comrade Emshousen answered; self was forgotten in the cause of the greater good.

Bravely they marched away with an abiding faith in their God, their country and their flag. The Red of our country's flag was made redder still by their heroism; the white, more stainlessly pure by the motives which impelled him; and, in the starry field of our nation's glorious banner, the blue has been glorified by the service they have given for American ideals."

"We say of our comrade; Here lies all that is mortal of a true-hearted comrade, and a fearless defender of their country and flag."

Our condolences to the family, and may our comrade rest in peace.

Larry Miller

Commander, Fisher-Weeks Post 1299

Chaplain, District 12, VFW Department of Illinois

Larry Miller - October 05, 2018 at 11:13 AM

RK

“ Blackie was a very nice guy to met and to take care of. I loved hearing about his stories and his life. He was always happy when I came to take care of him through Breeze Hospice. He will be missed alot. He is with part of his family and looking down and always be watching over his wife Doris. R.I.P. Blackie. I will miss you Ruth Kaemmerer (Breeze Hospice CNA)

Ruth Kaemmerer - September 18, 2018 at 11:37 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss -Blackie was a great part of many lives. Moving back to Highland, we deeply appreciated Blackie and Dorris driving from Edwardsville daily helping us building a garage and a much needed remodeling of the property we bought.

Prayers to all, may he rest in peace!

Linda & Morris Zobrist

Linda & Morris Zobrist - September 16, 2018 at 04:35 PM