



## Earl E. Grotefendt

September 7, 1921 - October 3, 2021

Earl E. Grotefendt, age 100 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, October 03, 2021, at San Gabriel Memory Care in Highland, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, September 07, 1921, in Marine, IL, the son of Albert and Lena (nee Abert) Grotefendt.

On Thursday, June 14, 1945, he married Gladys L. Grotefendt, nee Speckmann, at Eden E & R Church, Edwardsville, IL, who passed away on Wednesday, March 05, 2014.

He was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ, where he had been on the Consistory several times and Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Church; Madison County Farm Bureau; Leef Township Board (21 years as Supervisor); Leef Township Senior Citizens; Board of Directors of Faith Countryside Homes (1990-1996); Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ Brotherhood Federation; 1989-1994 Delegate for the Illinois South Conference to General Synod; Board of World Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Grotefendt was born on the farm at Marine, IL; he attended Loos Country School west of Marine and graduated from Highland High School in 1939 with honors. He farmed with his parents and in 1949 he and his wife started

farming west of Marine. In 1956 the couple moved to Grantfork, IL and in 1976 established "Golden Grain Farms" with their daughter and her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Grotefendt moved to the Highland Home in 2010. In February of 2020, he moved to San Gabriel Memory Care. They had traveled all over the world - India China, Australia, Germany (several times) and had made lasting friendships in Germany. They enjoyed playing cards (pinochle especially) and Earl bowled for years at Grantfork Bowl on Friday nights.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Audrey F. (David) Steiner, Alhambra, IL

Grandchild - Karla F. (Quinton) Lee, Indianapolis, IN

Grandchild - Wendy J. (Dennis) Tipton, Saint Jacob, IL

Grandchild - Brian A. Steiner, Glen Carbon, IL

Great Grandchild - Krystlyn G. Lee, Indianapolis, IN

Great Grandchild - Victoria H. Lee, Indianapolis, IN

Great Grandchild - Nickolas A. (Chelsea) Tipton, Granite City, IL

Great Grandchild - Matthew A. Tipton, St. Jacob, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Albert D. Grotefendt - Died 2/12/1993

Mother - Lena S. (nee Abert) Grotefendt - Died 6/2/1982

Wife - Gladys L. Grotefendt - Died 3/5/2014

Brother - Glenn M. Grotefendt - Died 3/5/2016

Brother - August A. Grotefendt - Died 3/10/1993

Sister - Doris Badalamenti - Died 3/10/1977.

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

Visitation will be held from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Friday, October 08, 2021, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 08, 2021, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL, with Rev. Tim A. Darmour-Paul, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Marine Cemetery in Marine, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grantfork United Church of Christ; Vitas Hospice; or Hoyleton Youth and Family Services.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Audrey, Dave & family,  
Sympathy to you all. Your dad certainly did have a long, wonderful  
life. God Bless 🙏🙏

Bob & Beckie Schrupf - October 12, 2021 at 03:30 PM

SD

“ Simon Financial Reporting Dept purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Earl E. Grotefeldt.



Simon Financial Reporting Dept - October 07, 2021 at 09:56 AM

GK

“ Audrey I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Earl passing away. He had a long and good life. Rae and I will be thinking and praying for you and your family during this difficult time.  
Gary and Rae Koch

Gary Koch - October 06, 2021 at 12:17 PM

MB

“ Earl was a great friend wonderful person awesome sense of humor. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family my thoughts prayers and love hugs coming to everyone I have wonderful memories of Gladys and Earl and will cherish them forever

Mary beth Broughton - October 05, 2021 at 07:24 PM

MB

“ *Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Earl E. Grotefendt*



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**Mary beth Broughton** - October 05, 2021 at 07:22 PM

MJ

“ *He was such a good friend to my Mom Laura Walter. I am so sorry for your loss. I will be in Massachusetts. We are having Moms funeral on Friday October 8th. So glad we knew him. Love, Mindy Jacobson*

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**Mindy Jacobson** - October 05, 2021 at 06:23 PM

BR

“ *Bryce, Lexie, Camille, Taina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earl E. Grotefendt.*



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**Bryce, Lexie, Camille, Taina** - October 05, 2021 at 05:54 PM

PL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for your family Audrey. Your dad (and mom) loved their family and church. Always fun loving and had smiles even in hard times. Now he's with your mom and at peace. RIP Earl fly high and enjoy those golden streets.*

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**Pam & Aimee Lecerf** - October 05, 2021 at 05:07 PM