



Edwin G. Gerling

September 15, 1925 - January 26, 2012

Edwin G. Gerling, age 86 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, January 26, 2012, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, September 15, 1925, in Edwardsville, IL, the son of Edwin H. C. and Gertrude G. (nee Head) Gerling.

On Saturday, March 24, 1951, he married Marion E. Gerling (nee Kurz) who survives.

Born in Edwardsville and graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1943. He entered the Army Air Corps with duty stateside during World War II for 2 1/2 years. He received his a Bachelor of Science degree from Schurtleff College in Alton in 1950. In 1951, he was employed by the Highland plant of the Alton Box Board Company and remained there for 31 years until he retired as their Administrative Manager in 1982. His family roots can be traced back to 1812 in Madison County, IL. He taught night school at SIU-E. His passion was family history; preservation of history, church and family.

Memberships:

First Congregational Church, Highland, IL

Past President of the church, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, Historian and Trustee for two terms;

The Wheelmen

(International Family Organization that preserves antique bicycles, founded in 1967)

Past National Commander

Boy Scouts of America

Assistant Scoutmaster (1960â€™s)

Old Newsboys Day

(He sold papers from the first year it started)

Madison County Genealogy Society

Charter Member

Wrote Book "Madison County Place Names"

Highland Chamber of Commerce

Past member and Tour Guide

General George Rogers Clark, Chapter of Illinois Society,

Sons of the American Revolution

Former Chapter Secretary

Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library, Board of Trustees

35 year member

Served as President for 20 years, retired in 1999

Highland School Board of Education

Past President and served two terms

Illinois State Historical Society

Author of "Regimental History of 117 Illinois Infantry

Volunteers, McKendree Regiment 1862-1865

Lee Item Post 439-American Legion, Highland, IL

Recipient of the: Homer Poss Life Time Achievement

Award in 2004

Highland Historical Society

Past President

Highland Sesquicentennial Association

Survivors include:

Wife - Marion E. Gerling, Highland, IL

Son - Bryan E. Gerling, Highland, IL

Son - Robert C. (Debra) Gerling, Guthrie, OK

Daughter - Jane G. (Jeffrey) Johnson, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Stephanie D. Gerling, Edmond, OK

Grandchild - Benjamin D. (Marcie) Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI

Grandchild - Rebekah A. (fiancee-Daniel Cowin) Johnson, Ferguson, MO

Grandchild - Kathleen J. "Katie Jane" (Tony) Hruby, Oak Harbor, WA

Grandchild - Anna L. (Daniel) Yarger, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Joseph A. Gerling, Guthrie, OK

Grandchild - Susannah L. (Michael) Zentz, Honolulu, HI

Great Grandchild - Amelia M. Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI

Great Grandchild - Megan E. Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Edwin H. C. Gerling

Mother - Gertrude G. Gerling

Sister - Gelane Hanrahan (died 10/07/2007)

Infant Brother - Harvey Gerling.