



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 (1960s)
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.