



Henry J. Metzger

September 24, 1920 - August 15, 2015

Henry J. Metzger, age 94 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, August 15, 2015, at his home in Highland, IL.

He was born on Friday, September 24, 1920, in Highland, IL, the son of John G. and Augusta J. (nee Gantner) Metzger.

On Saturday, January 25, 1947, he married Ivy Eileen Metzger (nee Hurley) who passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 1995.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL; (Consistory 2 terms and served as Vice Pres.) VFW Post 5694-Highland; Highland Rotary Club (President 1969-1970), Paul Harris Fellow, member since 1964 with perfect attendance; Highland Home Assoc. (Past President for 23 years, on the board for 33 yrs.); Kaskaskia College (Curriculum Advisory Committee); Private Industry Council of Southwest Illinois (Representing Madison and Bond County); Chamber of Commerce-Highland (Past President); Chamber of Commerce-Greenville (Board of Directors and Chairman of Nominating Committee); Greenville Investment Club (Since 1973 and President in 2002); Illinois Retail Merchants Assoc. (over 40 years); Greenville Commercial Club.

Mr. Metzger was born at Bond County, IL, 6 miles East of Highland. He

graduated from Highland High School in 1938. In high school, he participated in wrestling, track, softball, FFA, and was a livestock judge at the University of Illinois. In August of 1942, he was drafted into the U S Army and served with the Transportation Corps. with the 11th Port Headquarters Company in Rummney and Hereford, England. He participated in the Normandy Beach invasion. He was discharged at Camp Stoneman, Calif. in Oct. 1945. He married Ivy Eileen Hurley in Hobaken, New Jersey, and they moved to Sharon, Penn., where he worked for Westinghouse Corp., Jewel Tea Company, and then for the May Company from 1950 to 1960. In 1960, he returned to Highland and worked for Harris Furniture Store. When the store was sold to Durvardo Furniture, he was its store manager until 1973. He opened Metzger's Home Furnishings, Inc., in Greenville, IL in 1973 until its closing in February 2009. He enjoyed the furniture business and considered it a vocation and avocation. He also donated many, many hours of his time to his communities.

Survivors include:

Son - Terry J. (Fiancee Sharon Head) Metzger, Highland, IL

Daughter - Susan M. (Stephen) Weiss, Chandler, AZ

Grandchild - Simon J. Weiss, Mountain View, CA

Grandchild - Sarah M. (Jason) Kelly, Scottsdale, AZ

Great Grandchild - Connor J. Kelly, Scottsdale, AZ

Great Grandchild - Carter J. Kelly, Scottsdale, AZ

Sister - Selma M. Warnecke, Highland, IL

Sister In-law - Edith Metzger, Smithboro, IL

Brother - Elmer (Betty L.B.) Metzger, Highland, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - John George Metzger (Died 7/25/1983)

Mother - Augusta "Gussie" J. Metzger, nee Gantner (Died 11/17/1999)

Wife - Ivy Eileen Metzger, nee Hurley (Died 2/28/1995)

Brother - Calvin Metzger (Died 10/2/2013)

Daughter-in-law - Joyce M. Metzger (Died 3/7/2000)

Brother In-law - Eldo Warnecke (Died 4/6/2003)

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Friday, August 21, 2015, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 21, 2015, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, Highland, IL, officiating.

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

Full Military Honors at the graveside service by the Lee Iten Post 439- American Legion and the VFW Post 5694, both of Highland, IL

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Home Association; American Cancer Society (Research).

Tribute Wall

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“ There are so many things I could say about Henry Metzger. He was one of the most influential men in my life. He was kind, loving, caring, a wonderful community advocate and a great patriot. He was one of my role models and mentors.

He will be missed by friends, family, and his community. A wonderful man, and a wonderful friend.

Randy Alderman - August 17, 2015 at 01:11 AM

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“ All I can say is "Well Done Henry!", he served his country and community with upmost love, compassion, dedication and respect. My sincere sympathy to Terry, Susan and their families.

Bonnie Kloss - August 16, 2015 at 05:42 PM