



Joseph A. Alexander

May 4, 1918 - September 28, 2012

Joseph A. Alexander, age 94, son of Donald and Marie (Clawson) Alexander, passed away on Friday September 28, 2012. He was a loving husband, proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Joe was a friend to all he met and never knew a stranger.

He was born on May 4, 1918 in Rushville Township, Rush County, Indiana. He was preceded in death by parents, Donald and Marie (Clawson) Alexander, Step-mother, Edith (Shelby) Berry Alexander; spouses, Myra Lowene (Callahan) Alexander married March 26, 1942 she preceded him in death November 3, 2002 and Mary Carolyn (Clarkson) Alexander married December 2003 she passed away July 31, 2010; twin brother, William Ira Alexander; step-sisters, Margaret (Berry) Thurston and Helen (Berry) McKean; son, David Donald Alexander; daughter, Alice Anne (Alexander) Blume and son-in-law, Steve Bechtold.

Joe graduated from Rushville High School in 1937 and was the "High Stepping" Drum Major. In 1940 he enlisted in the Army and was in the 151st Infantry 38th Division Band as a Drum Major beginning at Camp Shelby and then the 184th Army Band, Fort Benning, GA.

Joe was the 6th generation of Alexander's to farm in Rush County and was a rural letter carrier.

His memberships included Main Street Christian Church, Rush County Historical Society, 50 year Past Master Mason at Phoenix Lodge No. 62, Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, Murat Shrine, Shrine Club of Rush County, and the Jackson Township Farm Bureau. Joe volunteered as a driver for cancer patients' treatment appointments.

Survived by daughters- Judy Bechtold, Gulf Breeze, FL, Carolyn Trump (Bill), Colorado Springs, CO, Nancy Craig (Ken), Greenwood, IN, Myra Alexander-Pavey, Casa Grande, AZ and Elizabeth Alexander, Phoenix, AZ.

7 Grandchildren-Chad Bechtold, Tallahassee, FL, Melissa Atherton (Ross), Gulf Breeze, FL, Brent Bechtold (Katie) St. Augustine, FL, Ann Craig, Ft. Collins, CO, Donald Blume (Jill) West Lafayette, IN, Elaine Nagel (Jerod), Ypsilanti, MI, Samantha Pavey, Columbus, OH, a brother-in-law, George Thurston of Portland, OR, a first cousin Marilyn Forsythe of Midland, MI., and 10 Great Grand-children.

Services for Joe will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, October 3 at Moster Mortuary. Friends may call from 4-8PM Tuesday at the mortuary. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30 PM Tuesday evening. Burial will be at Rushville East Hill Cemetery with Pastor Sam Davenport presiding.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Cemetery Details

East Hill Cemetery

746-740 IN-44
Rushville, IN 46173

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph A. Alexander*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family, whom I've known all my life. Your dad will be missed, what a great friend he was to me. Sorry I missed the service but you are all in my prayers.*

Jim Ludington - October 08, 2012 at 11:54 AM



“ *I am thinking of all of you this morning and will hold you in my prayers. Love and hugs, Melissa McManus Daubenspeck in NC*

Melissa McManus Daubenspeck - October 03, 2012 at 08:34 AM



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Shelle Hendrix - October 01, 2012 at 07:06 PM



Joe loved dogs, especially collies. He loved it when I brought my little dog, Moxie, to visit.

Shelle Hendrix - October 01, 2012 at 07:11 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Alexander.*



October 01, 2012 at 04:45 PM



“ *Uncle Joe was one of the kindest, nicest people I have ever had the good fortune to meet. I always enjoyed our visits to the farm and have many fond memories of time spent there with BK, Brett, Mike and James. Please know that the family is in my thoughts and prayers. I know you will miss him terribly and I share in your sorrow but rejoice that he is now at eternal peace. God bless you . Love, Sue Shannon*

Sue Ellis Shannon - October 01, 2012 at 09:33 AM



“ *Through Judy's beautiful description of her loving father I feel that I know who he was, even though I never had the pleasure of meeting him. Judy, I think you have his sense of humor.*

I am holding Judy and her family in my mind and heart as they cope with the loss of this wonderful man.

*Love,
Joanne Taylor*

Joanne Taylor - September 30, 2012 at 08:01 AM