



Elmer Louis "Louie" Givan

April 26, 1925 - August 11, 2019

Elmer Louis "Louie" Givan, 94, of Louisville, passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at his home.

Louie was retired from Naval Ordnance Station and was a veteran of World War II. He was also a founding member of St. Martha Catholic Church.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Dorothy; grandson, Michael Louis Workman; sister, Mildred "Midge" Aline Myers; and brother, Howard "Mike" Givan.

He survived by his three sons, Eddie (Velma), Jimmie, and Steve; three daughters, Therese Crumes (Allan), Donna Workman (Mike); and Shirley Givan; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

His Funeral Mass will be at 10 AM on Friday, August 16, 2019 at St. Martha Catholic Church, 2825 Klondike Lane, with burial at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-8 PM on Thursday, August 15 at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road, with a prayer service at 4 PM.

In lieu of flowers it is requested that memorial gifts be made to Hosparus or St. Martha Catholic Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.Ratterman.com.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery
1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY, 40205

Events

AUG 15 Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM
Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

AUG 15 Prayer Service 04:00PM - 04:30PM
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AUG 16 Funeral Mass 10:00AM
St. Martha Catholic Church
2825 Klondike Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

Comments



“ Our sincere love and condolences to all the Givan family. We are so honored and privileged to know and love Louie. A long time ago Jerry asked Louie if he could call him Grandpa Lou, and he said sure it would be ok, and that's how Jerry greeted him when ever he saw him or called him. It was always a pleasure to be with him, his smile and witty charm, his kind and caring personality. We will miss him so much, but he will always be with us In our hearts and shared memories.



Jerry and Linda Chinn - August 14 at 10:15 PM



“ The smell of the garage (WD-40). The sound of the cookie jar lid when you're trying to be quiet (ching). That smile.... Those pants pulled up to his chest. How much he loved my grandma... He never (EVER) stopped stressing the importance of family, and what unconditional love truly means. He lived and breathed FAMILY. It only took a simple interaction with a stranger to show what kind of man he was, and what kind of affect a single person can have on the world. If you met him, he made your day. And I'm one of the lucky ones that got to call him Grandpa. I love you GPA, you're the greatest of all time. Little Buddy #4.

And tell Grandma thanks again for giving me her height. She loves that joke.

Cory Givan - August 14 at 02:36 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Heaven gained a great spirit in your grandpa. I only had the pleasure of interacting with him once and you're so right, he was such a kind, gentle, lovable soul! Keeping you all in my prayers & thoughts

Heather Dooley - August 14 at 10:55 AM



“ Louie was truly an inspiration to those who were lucky enough to know him. The few times I got to visit him were truly special. I walked away knowing that I had just been in the presence of a truly remarkable man. His positive outlook on life was captivating and his devotion to family and friends was a beacon of light for others to see. Truly a life well lived. Lifes burdens are over now Louie. Rest In Peace

Greg Fields - August 13 at 07:21 PM



“ Mr. Givan "Louie" was as fine a man as I have ever known. He was indulgent with his time and cared about people. I could not have grown up next door to a better person.

To Eddy, Jimmy, Steve, Therese, Donna and Shirley my prayers and thoughts are with you.

Hal Carrico

Hal Carrico - August 13 at 02:04 PM



“ My Grandpa was fine and dandy and sweet as candy! He was the best grandfather; role model; comedian; poet; creative problem solver; greeting card author; shoulder to cry on; voice of reason; cheerleader; always dependable; never too busy for you; always in my corner as my biggest supporter; a best friend; sometimes patient; kind soul; selfless; and had unconditional endless love for his entire family. He was Truly Remarkable! I lost a piece of my heart yesterday but know he's at peace and out of pain and that's priceless just like him! I love you forever and ever and ever....

sarah elston - August 12 at 11:38 PM



“ Never met a guy so giving & guiding & kind like Louie... he took care of all the guys & gals.
I believe he taught how the world should be.

jpat - August 12 at 07:47 PM



“ Louie was such a great neighbor, friend and was very encouraging. Loved his many "Louie" isms. Rest easy dear friend.

Mark Caruthers - August 12 at 07:41 PM



“ He took care of the good guys.

jamie givan - August 12 at 05:22 PM



“ Never before met a man so giving & guiding & kind like Louie. He took care of all guys. I believe he taught as much as he gave.

jpat - August 12 at 07:43 PM



“ Eddie I 'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father and a fellow NOSL retiree. Your family are in my prayers.

Joe Fenley

Joe Fenley - August 14 at 11:45 AM



“ Steve -- sorry to learn of your dad's passing.

Charlie Scott

Charlie - August 14 at 01:15 PM