



Ralph Eilert

April 26, 1926 - April 9, 2012

Ralph Henry Eilert, 85, of Topeka, passed away Monday, April 9, 2012 at his home. He was born April 26, 1926 in Beloit, KS to Anthony and Anna Marie (Budke) Eilert. Ralph was raised on the family farm south of Beloit during the dust bowl era. He attended elementary school in a one-room school house and graduated from St. John's High School in Beloit. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean conflict. On October 8, 1951 he married Marjorie Ann Arens at St. Johns Catholic Church in Beloit. They celebrated their 60th anniversary last year. Ralph worked as an air traffic controller at Phillip Billard airport in Topeka. Upon his retirement from the FAA he raised registered Simmental cattle. He was presented the Bankers Soil Conservation award for good stewardship and land management. He took pride in obtaining his commercial pilot license and had a love of flying. Ralph was a very active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and recently celebrated 56 years of sobriety. He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council 8411. Ralph is survived by his wife, Marjorie; his children, Joyce Eilert-Jones, and her husband, Brian, Axtell, KS; Nancy Way, Topeka; Tony Eilert, and his wife, Tammy, Topeka; Dennis Eilert, and his wife, Ginele, Puyallup, WA; and Andy Eilert, and his wife, Stephanie, Stilwell, KS; and 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Surviving siblings are, George Eilert, Donald Eilert, Joan Pahls, Anna Marie Corpstein, and Maxine Carrico, as well as many, many nieces and nephews. Ralph was preceded in death by son, Gregory, and four brothers and one sister. A parish rosary will be prayed

Friday at 5:30 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd. Topeka KS 66614; visitation will follow until 8 p.m. Mr. Eilert will lie in state Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beloit, KS from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and a parish rosary will be prayed at 10:30. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday at the church, with burial to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to NAMI Topeka-CIT or Cornerstone Charitable Foundation, (Beloit) sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Eilert*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mrs. Eilert and Andy,
I just learned of Mr. Eilert's passing during mass this morning. I am so sad to hear this and I wanted to send my condolences to you and your entire family. He was such a special man and I will never forget him. You are all in my prayers.
Sincerely,
Jill (Pendergrass) Crittenden*

Jill (Pendergrass) Crittenden - April 15, 2012 at 02:27 PM



“ *Family and friends of Ralph,
May your abundance of loving memories of Ralph soon replace your sorrow of his passing.*

Mike Finch - April 13, 2012 at 11:46 AM



“ *What a wonderful man. Peace be with all of your family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers of healing and comfort are with you all.*

Roger and Angela Kraus - April 12, 2012 at 06:58 PM

KK

“ Aunt Margie and Family,

I am so sorry to hear the sad news about Uncle Ralph. My heart aches for you. My husband, son, and I had a wonderful visit with Ralph about a week before he died. Even in Ralph's final days he still had the grace and reverence to share his wisdom with my family and me. As he was dying he was giving us a lesson on living. He shared with us the importance of living life one day at a time and one of his favorite sayings, "Time doesn't stop." What my family and I took away from that last visit with Ralph was amazing. We will carry his words of wisdom with us the rest of our lives.

*I love you all and have you in my prayers,
Karen Eilert Kesl*

Karen Eilert Kesl - April 12, 2012 at 06:18 PM

ES

“ *May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Egos Salon and Day Spa - April 12, 2012 at 05:02 PM

RW

“ *Marge, I am so sorry for your loss, he had a long hard fight, I know it has been hard on you too, you and your family are in my prayers.*

rita wilkins - April 12, 2012 at 03:50 PM

EL

“ Just want to send my condolences to the whole family especially to Marjorie she was always very kind to me and to my dear friend Joyce, who was not only my hair dresser for years, but also a very dear friend. You're in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

Evelyn

Evelyn DeForest Lawless - April 11, 2012 at 04:56 PM

JW

“ Andy, Sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a treat to know and always good to me. My condolences to the entire Eilert family.

John Walker - April 11, 2012 at 03:05 PM

SW

“ Nancy, I'm sorry to hear of your Father's death. May he rest in peace.

Sarah Woellhof - April 11, 2012 at 01:06 PM

GE

“ Andy and all Eilert family, my condolences in the passing of Ralph. I hope you find comfort in many fond memories of your times together. God Bless.

Greg Edson - April 11, 2012 at 10:05 AM