



Earl Joseph Holcomb

July 5, 1915 - February 12, 2014

Age 98 of Roseville

Long-time St. Paul Funeral Director

Passed away peacefully Feb. 12, 2014 surrounded by family. Survived by his loving wife of 74 years, Roswitha; children, Gary Holcomb, Linda (Don)

Lundquist and Cheryl Holcomb; grandsons, Jason (Joanne) and Marcus Lundquist; great granddaughter, Ava; sister, Violet Wangensteen Magnuson;

brother in-law, Bill Fern; nieces, nephews and friends. Preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Gertie Holcomb and Julia Fern. Visitation Monday,

Feb. 17th from 4-8 PM with a Masonic Service at 7 PM at the HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 536 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul.

Funeral Service 11:00 AM Tuesday, Feb. 18th with visitation from 10-11 AM at BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Roy and Shields Aves., St. Paul.

Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Earl was a graduate of Washington High

School and the University of Minnesota Mortuary Science program. Earl was a long-time St. Paul Funeral Director caring for and serving families since 1935.

Earl affiliated with the A.E. Henry Funeral Home in 1948. Earl was active in many church, civic and fraternal organizations including, Church Council of

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Past President of Midway Lions Club; Midway YMCA Y's Men's Club; Past Master of Triune Masonic Lodge #190; Past

Patron of Merriam Park Chapter #199 O.E.S. He served on numerous Osman Shrine clubs and units and was Potentate of Osman Shrine in 1969. Past

Board member of Twin Cities Shriner's Hospital for Children. Earl recently

received his 75 year certificate as a Mason. He was a member of Tusler-Summit Masonic Lodge #263; a 33rd degree member of the St. Paul Valley Scottish Rite; Osman Shrine and Midway Lions Club. Many thanks to the caregivers from Visiting Angels as well as St. Joseph Hospital station 5000 de Paul tower. Memorials preferred to Osman Women's Auxiliary.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Dear Rosewitha & family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of your beloved Earl. We were at the Osman Circus today 3/28 and I inquired about both of you, Rich told me of Earl's passing. I am so sorry I didn't know. Many memories of years with you both and my parents Eleanore & Steve Van Guilder--both who are at home with Jesus. My love, sympathy and prayers go out to all of you. Carol Van Guilder Henry

Carol Van Guilder Henry - March 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“*Earl and Rosewitha - our neighbors for over 40 years, and our friends even longer. The life and ties that bind our families together - crossings generations - will not be forgotten. My mom and dad (Millie & Irv), your contemporaries who understood the paths and challenges of life that you all lived through. Remembering the "gentleman neighbors" Earl, Irv, Sam and Leo comparing notes and solving problems as they met across the back yards. And there were our dogs, the celebration , and so much more.*

Earl, I recall your wise comment to me while on a walk saying, "One thing I have learned in my business, is that the one thing you can be sure of is that things will change."and how many life changes since. Thanks to you, Dennis and Rich for your help with our changes as my folks moved from this life to the next.

As I saw you wheeled out of your church for the last time, I imagined that above us, in a gentle swirl throughout the church were unnumbered angels - all those who you had helped make the transition to another life. Now they were accompanying you as you ascended to the Heavenly Father. God protect us all, until we meet again. Love. Lianne

Lianne Anderson - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Holcomb family,

My memories of Earl go back to my childhood at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. As a young adult my husband and I moved near his home and whenever I saw him at church he would put his arm around my shoulders and with a BIG smile would say "Hi, neighbor!". He was always warm and friendly.

He took loving care of my brother's, grandparents and parents funerals. And more recently the funeral home took excellent care of our family when my daughter-in-law died in 2002.

May God give you, his family, peace and comfort.

He truly will be missed.

Marcia Schloer Hislop - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Father, My friend, My mentor. We had such good times going to garage and estate sales. Taking our nightly walk thru the neighborhood. Living thru the loss of our friends and relatives. The loss of our loved pets. The birth of his grandsons. So many wonderful memories Dad. We did have such a good time being father and daughter sharing our lives together.*

Good night Dad, sleep well and peaceful. I love you Dad.

Linda

Linda Holcomb Lundquist - February 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ 1st meet Earl when I was 12 years old in 1946 he helped with my brothers services he did both sets of my grandparents in 1994 and 1995 he came to help with my parents Don and Tena Schloer. Earl was such a caring man he will be greatly missed

marlene schloer roen - February 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ As I sit in what was once, Earl's office at the funeral home. I am humbled to have known this good and humble man, and blessed to have had the good fortune to have known Earl. Earl is the 2nd man I have watched take his last breath. The first was my own father in 1990. It is a powerful experience and a gift to see them cross over into our eternal home we all must travel to some day. Earl was a teacher, mentor and friend whom I will never forget. Until we meet again, May God Hold You In The Palm of His Hand.

Richard Purcell - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM