



Clyde D. Unz

February 27, 1927 - January 29, 2019

Age 91, of Reddick, IL, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at Miller Rehabilitation in Kankakee, IL under hospice care. Born February 27, 1927 in Reddick, IL to the late Edgar W. and Sarah M. "Sadie" (nee Lehnus) Unz. He attended the Country School and graduated from Reddick High School with the class of 1945. Clyde enlisted in the Navy and was on the Commissioning Crew of the USS Albany. His rank was Seamen 2nd Class and was discharged March 1947 with a victory medal. Many of his military items are on display at the Essex Historical Society. Clyde married Martha Louise Draper on January 15, 1950 in Flora, IN at The Church of the Brethren. He worked in the Cabinet Factory in Flora until moving back to Illinois and working as hired man for his uncles Alvin, William, Charles, and Edgar. He also worked nights at Caterpillar in Joliet in 1954-1956. Clyde was a charter member of Zoar Community Church and was instrumental in the construction along with many others. In the 1970's until 2000 he sold Short Line Farm Equipped Burch, Yetter, Orthman, Westerdorf Nichols Tillage Herschel cutting parts and made many friends over the years. He enjoyed woodworking and doing crafts and Martha would do the painting of the items he made. They were a good team. He served on the Grand Prairie Cemetery Association Board, Zoar Board of Directors and the Zoar Church maintenance committee. The last several years he loved to run the lawn mower which gave him purpose and he mowed 4-5 days a week only stopping a few months before his death. Clyde worked hard his entire life and loved God, his family, his

country and his friends. His life reflected his faith and patriotism. Surviving are one son, Charles Unz of Reddick; and nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. Preceding him in death were his wife of 64 ½ years, Martha (2014); one son, James Unz (2000); two brothers and sister in laws, Milton and Bonita (nee Bossert) Unz and Richard and Leah (nee Beyer) Unz. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial service will be held at Zoar Community Church in Reddick on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 11:00 am with the Reverends William and Joan Dean officiating. Visitation will begin one hour before the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to Zoar Community Church, Hospice of Kankakee Valley, or to the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zoar Community Church
18172 W. Route 17
Reddick, IL 60961

Service

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“ My sincere sympathy Chuck on Clyde's passing. I will always remember the popcorn and sweet corn that you two brought to the office. He always was happy!

May God Bless You.

Kathy Shanahan
Compeer Financial

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Chuck
You have our deepest sympathies in the passing of your Dad.
God Bless you!
Sarah & Aaron Rice & family

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