



Dwight Merle Gherardini

May 22, 1930 - February 23, 2015

Dwight Merle Gherardini, 84 of Wamac, passed away Monday, February 23, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia. He was born May 22, 1930 in Centralia, son of John Gherardini and Sophia (Molonoski) Gherardini. He married Rebecca Anna (Veltman) Gherardini on June 3, 1951 at the First Christian Church in Centralia and she survives in Wamac. In addition to his wife of 63 years, he is also survived by three sons: Dwight Stephen Gherardini and wife Elizabeth Carol of Collinsville, Douglas Dwain Gherardini of Centralia, and Anthony Allen Gherardini of Centralia; 6 grandchildren: Stephenie L. Gherardini of Barstow, CA, Jill V. Sabugo and husband AJ of Fairfield, CA, Joel S. Gherardini and wife Jenn of Belleville, Pana J. Gherardini of St. Louis, MO, Rebecca A. Gherardini of Centralia and Drew Douglas of Centralia; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Dwain Berle Gherardini of Hoffman; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Louie Byars and wife Jackie. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers: Elmer Gherardini and Gilbert Gherardini, and a sister, Lorraine Telford. Dwight and his brother Dwain, worked and co- owned Gherardini Tavern, their family owned business, which was open from 1933 - 1995. They were famous for their Italian Beef Sandwich. Dwight served as a Cryptologist in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 – 1955. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 446. Dwight was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan and enjoyed doing yard work. Most of all, Dwight loved spending time with his family and friends. Funeral Services for Dwight Gherardini will be held Thursday, February 26,

2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Seth Baltzell officiating. Military Honors will be accorded Thursday evening at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home by the American Legion Post 446 and VFW Post 2055. Visitation will be held Thursday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 27, 2015 at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Centralia Humane Society or the American Legion Post 446 and will be accepted at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dwight, I was so sad to hear of your passing. You were always so kind to me and I loved how you enjoyed talking about your early years with me. Becky and the entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Cheryl Ann*

April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Dwight --- You will be missed. Your smile and infectious laugh will always be remembered. God bless you.*

Gary Gherardini - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Liz is a student of mine at Maryville University. I will keep your whole family in my prayers. God bless you.*

Bonnie Stegman - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Dwight for the time we spent together. Although a short amount of time, you certainly left a positive impression on me, thank you.*

AJ Sabugo - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort. The Finley Family.*

Ethel Finley - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Steve/Liz, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Please accept our sincere condolences & will keep your Family in our prayers. Love, The Jones Family (Liz's Sister Mary)

Mary Jones - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Gherardini family,Dwight will be sadly missed by us all. He was such a wonderful person. The prayers and fond memories are what we have now to remember him by. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Cora Owens - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dad, you had such an amazing personality. What an influence you had on my life. You always made the best out of any situation. You fixed what was broken and gave us hope. You would say "it could always be worse" Life doesn't seem fair sometimes and will be very different without you because you left too soon. I will always remember the good times we shared and all the love you gave throughout the years. Your strength continues to inspire me. I hope you knew that you meant the world to me. I will deeply miss the times we shared together and the wisdom you imparted within me. With love and heartfelt sympathy. Your son, Dwight Stephen Gherardini

Dwight S - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dad, My heart was broken when I got the news that without warning you were taken away from us. I thought of a quote by Helen Keller that attempts to reflect my sorrow.... "What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us" Dad I will always remember your smile, the laughter, and the good times we shared. You will be greatly missed. I was blessed to have you in my life. With all my love and deepest sympathy, your daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Gherardini

Elizabeth Gherardini - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending my deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow. God bless you all

Kenneth Owens - February 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM