



Gerald Leland Heskett

December 15, 1922 - September 20, 2019

Gerald Leland Heskett, 96, passed away on September 20, 2019. He was born on December 15, 1922 in South Solon, Ohio to Charles and Pauline (Ellars) Heskett. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Dorothy; brothers, Clarence and Chet, and stepbrothers Alva and Carl.

Gerald served in the Army in WW2 in the Signal Corps with the 295th Joint Assault Signal Company. He participated in the Pacific Theatre as part of the "island hopping" mission, ending in the liberation of the Philippines. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans of America.

Gerald will be greatly missed by his son Gerald "Jerry" (Nancy) Heskett, and his two granddaughters Emily (Jarret) Holley, and Jessica Heskett, nieces and nephews and their spouses, and surviving brother-in-law Herbert Moore. He was generous to his family and embraced being a "Papaw" to his granddaughters.

A funeral celebrating Gerald's life will be held at 11am Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Schoedinger Worthington Chapel, 6699 North High Street, Preacher Jeff Copley presiding. His family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place at Glen Rest Memorial Estates at 2pm Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Cemetery

Events

Glen Rest Memorial Estate
8029 E. Main St.
Reynoldsburg, OH, 43068

SEP 24 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Schoedinger Worthington Chapel
6699 North High Street, Worthington, OH, US, 43085

SEP 24 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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SEP 24 **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - September 23 at 02:24 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gerald Leland Heskett.



September 23 at 01:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Leland Heskett.



September 23 at 12:26 PM



“ My Dad was a good and caring man. He did not have an easy life. His Mom and Dad got divorced in a time when divorces were rare and the whole family carried the shame. During the Depression, he delivered the morning and evening papers to help his Mom make ends meet. He was working on the railroad and continuing to support his Mom when he was drafted into the Army in 1943. He knew his duty to his country and performed it to the best of his abilities. Shortly after landing on the beach at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines in 1944 in preparation for the liberation of Manila, he experienced an episode that would affect him for the rest of his life. We don't know exactly what happened. He could never fully tell me and Mom the details. With his permission, I sent off for his records. The VA informed me they were lost in a fire.

A family friend told me and Mom that Dad was a kind, gentle, and personable man when she knew him before he went to the Army. I can't imagine the hell that caused

the episode in the Philippines. He was a different man after that.

Life was not always easy with Dad for me and Mom. We knew he loved us more than life itself, and made sure we had everything we needed. He just wasn't able to express his love while I was growing up.

When my daughters were born, Dad was thrilled. He loved them like they were his own children, and helped take care of them when Nancy and I were at work. He even learned how to change a diaper.

When Dad took ill this past March, I asked him about his faith in Christ. He positively affirmed his faith then, and it is a supreme comfort to know that he is in the presence of God.

I love and miss you Dad. See you and Mom at the reunion of the Saints.

Jerry Heskett - September 23 at 12:01 PM



“ I loved my Uncle Gerald. He was always interested in everything i was interested in from coin collecting to Spanish. I can remember going to Indian Lake with my Uncle Gerald, Aunt Dot and their son Jerry. He loved it when I would sing silly songs, especially the Camp Grenada song. I always admired him for his intelligence and quiet strength. I loved him dearly and will miss him terribly.

Patty Moore Cavener - September 21 at 01:14 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Leland Heskett.



September 21 at 12:15 PM



“ Karen & Paul Waltermeyer lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leland Heskett





“ Jill Pugh lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leland Heskett



Jill Pugh - September 20 at 03:02 PM