



Homer Earl Russell

September 14, 1938 - August 17, 2023

Homer Earl Russell, age 84 of Granite City, IL formerly of Sullivan, IL passed away on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 9:31 PM at St. Louis University Hospital.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, August 25, 2023, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend T.L. Smith and Reverend Shine Doughty will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Neoga Cemetery. Military Rites will be conducted by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. The visitation will be held Thursday evening, August 24, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Homer was born on September 14, 1938, in Neoga, IL to the late Homer Ellsworth and Doris Lucille (Ferguson) Russell. He married the love of his life, Joyce Cecilia Webb on July 17, 1981, in Charleston, IL. Together they shared a son, Christopher T. Russell of Collinsville, IL; stepson, Kenneth A. Webb of Texas; stepdaughters, Alani Star of Merritt Island, FL, Karla Remegi of Hilton Head Island, SC; other survivors include two brothers, Ronald L. Russell and wife Janice of Mattoon, IL, and David L. Russell of Latitz, PA. He is preceded in death by his brother, Richard E. Russell; and beloved canine companion, Cesar.

Homer honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1961 until 1964. He was a member of Mattoon VFW Post #4325 and The American Legion in Windsor, IL.

He was a member of Grace Pointe Apostolic Church in Granite City, IL, former

member of Community Christian Church in Tamarac, FL, and Fellowship Christian Church of God of Sullivan, IL. He leaned greatly on his faith throughout his life.

Homer was the former owner and operator of Russell Stables in Sullivan, IL. Prior to that, he was an employee of Moultrie County Beacon in Sullivan, IL, Hudson Construction Inc., Illinois Consolidated Telephone, and the Nickel Plate Railroad.

Homer was a member of American Quarter Horse Association, Arabian Horse Association, Lincoln Land Carriage Club, Signal Journeyman, and IBEW Union #399.

An avid horseman, Homer loved being around and caring for horses. This was a passion he shared with his son, Christopher, who shows and trains performance horses. Homer traveled all over the country to support his son at his competitions. The pride he had in his son was evident and he loved nothing more than to tell someone how proud he was of Christopher.

Homer leaves a legacy defined by family, love, purpose, and fulfillment. Memorial in Homer's honor may be made to American Quarter Horse Association, 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Neoga Cemetery

Cumberland County, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
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Service

AUG 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Homer Earl Russell



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - August 25, 2023 at 09:49 AM

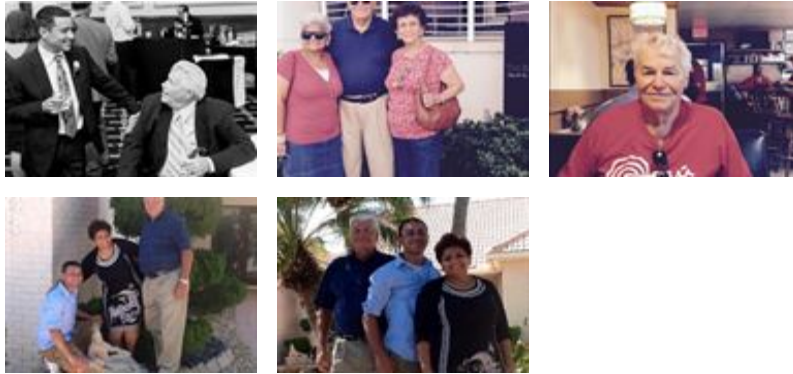


“ Homer Earl Russell

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ 189 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - August 24, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Homer Earl Russell.*



August 24, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *I was always aware that just by looking at his partner, you Mrs. Russell; his smile would always light up. I am sure that you will always have fond memories of him. May you always have the best memories. I am sorry for your loss you will be in my prayers. You are a great person and you will get through this time. My love and a huge hug. Mi mas sincero pesame para usted y toda la Familia. Love, Maria G. Camareno.*

Maria G. Camaren - August 23, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Homer Earl Russell.*



August 23, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Homer Earl Russell.*



August 23, 2023 at 11:42 AM

TB

“ Taryn Band planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer Earl Russell.

Taryn Band - August 23, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Homer Earl Russell.



August 23, 2023 at 08:42 AM

LP

“ Love, Janet, Whiskey and Patron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer Earl Russell.

Love, Janet, Whiskey and Patron - August 22, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Homer Earl Russell.



August 22, 2023 at 08:26 PM

MO

“ MAYUKA OTOYA.

Mis sentidas condolencias a toda la familia por la lamentable pérdida de nuestro querido y recordado Homer.

MAYUKA OTOYA - August 22, 2023 at 02:18 PM

RC

“ *Homer was a very nice person. We enjoyed his company for years. We became friends when Homer was supervising cable splicers around central Illinois. God rest his soul. Sincerely, Becky & Maurice craig*

Rebecca Craig - August 22, 2023 at 09:31 AM

SJ

Homer are such a kind soul, you always save a seat for me in , "Faith in Action " CCC. Sleep peacefully my brother.

Sandrs James - August 22, 2023 at 02:03 PM

GS

“ *Georganne S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer Earl Russell.*

Georganne S. - August 22, 2023 at 02:02 AM

LI

“ *So sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Linda Sattley*

linda - August 22, 2023 at 12:42 AM

AV

“ I was in my yard yesterday trimming back peony bushes. Every time I do that chore it makes me think of Homer mowing down Joyce’s peonies every year. :) I am sending warm thoughts and hugs from Maryland to you all. Love, Amanda (Russell) VanderZyl

Amanda VanderZyl - August 21, 2023 at 06:09 PM

RF

“ A fine man and a dear cousin.

Rickey D Ferguson - August 21, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Homer Earl Russell.



August 21, 2023 at 05:41 PM

MT

“ Megan, Karissa, Taylor, Lindsey, Trisha planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Homer Earl Russell.

Megan, Karissa, Taylor, Lindsey, Trisha - August 21, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Homer Earl Russell.



August 21, 2023 at 05:19 PM

CS

“ *Candis Poorman Stein lit a candle in memory of Homer Earl Russell*



Candis Poorman Stein - August 21, 2023 at 04:49 PM