



Lester Raymond Fleming

April 25, 1925 - March 19, 2017

Mattoon, IL – Lester Raymond Fleming, age 91, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 1:22 p.m., Sunday, March 19, 2017, at his residence.

The funeral service in his honor will begin at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938. Pastor Robert Swickard will officiate. Interment will follow in Zion Hill Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by the Mattoon VFW Post 4325. Visitation will be held Wednesday, at the funeral home, from 11:00 a.m. until the service begins.

Mr. Fleming was born April 25, 1925, in Arthur, IL, the son of Ray and Permilla (Turpin) Fleming. He married Cora L. Hendrix on September 11, 1947 in Arthur, IL. She survives. Other survivors include their children, Susan Floyd of Mattoon, IL and Debbie McKay of Charleston, IL; one sister, Lois Ann VanSickle of California; six grandchildren, Jenny Gergeni and husband David of Mattoon, IL, Andy Floyd and wife Heather of Paxton, IL, Amanda Hagler and husband Brian of Edmond, OK, Kristi Lowell and husband Chad of Charleston, IL, Lindsay Dell and husband Adam of Charleston, IL, and Ryan McKay and wife Megan of Mattoon, IL; and thirteen great-grandchildren: Mitchell, Ella, Connor, Reece, Sawyer, Colton, Tyler, Brandon, Dylan, Logan, Garrett, Rowen, and Dasch. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Mr. Fleming served our country with the United States Army as a staff sergeant. During World War II, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his

valor during combat. The Silver Star is the third highest combat decoration that can be awarded to a member of the United States Armed Forces. He was also a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal.

Mr. Fleming was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church. He had previously served as the District Lay Leader and Speaker in the Methodist Conference. Prior to his retirement, Lester had been employed with Anamet Electrical, Inc., where he had worked in management. Throughout his career, he had also worked for Kuehnes, Arthur Lumber Sales, and Young Radiator. In his free time, he enjoyed singing, gardening, and walking; however, his favorite way to pass the time was spending it with family. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials in his honor are requested to the Alzheimer's Association, Hospice of Coles County, or Brookstone Estates of Charleston.

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

Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Cemetery

Mattoon, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
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Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

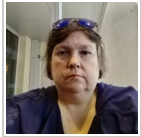
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lester Raymond Fleming*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *TO LESTER FLEMING FAMILY YOU ALL IN THOUGHTS. AND PRAYERS. LESTER. WAS GREAT GUY .REMEMBER HIM PICK. ON ME AT CHURCH. HE WILL BE MISS DEARLY. MAY HIM REST IN PEACE. AND NOT HURTING ANYMORE. I KNOW. LOOSE A FATHER. LOST DAD LAST. MONTH FEBRUARY 14. 2017.*



Kelly Armstrong - March 22, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed spending time with Andy and his Grandpa. Praying for your family. Love you guys- Gabe Rutledge and family*

Gabe Rutledge - March 22, 2017 at 09:54 AM



“ *I loved being able to take care of Lester when I worked at Godwin Parc. He was very special and always made me smile with his big smile. Prayers to your family as he rejoices in Heaven.*

Rebecca Finney - March 21, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lester Raymond Fleming.



March 21, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ Such a special man. Loved singing with him ❤️🙏

Jean Ann Wheeler Thomson - March 21, 2017 at 08:30 AM



“ I got to know Lester because he worked at Anaconda/Anamet with my dad. We always had to have our "chats" when we saw each other. He always promised that he would convince my dad to buy me a new car. Then, every time he would see me, he always asked if my Daddy had gotten me the new car. (LOL). What a great guy & friend he was. He'll 've missed!



Patty Janes - March 20, 2017 at 09:24 PM



“ My favorite memories of Lester all involve Singspirations at Zion Hill. How much he enjoyed making a joyful noise unto the Lord. His warm smiles and big bear hugs will be missed by all. Prayers for the family. Hold tight to all the precious memories.

Janet Margedant - March 20, 2017 at 08:43 PM

VH

So sorry for the loss of this dear man :(First met him at Gowin Parc Memory Care Facility, he was a joy to be around, I play piano and sing and he always sang along, beautiful voice 😊 I think his favorite was How Great Thou Art. He will be missed :(

Vickie Hayes - March 20, 2017 at 09:05 PM

GH

Susan....so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family at this difficult time.

Gayle Hall - March 20, 2017 at 09:35 PM

LM

“ *Lynn Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Lester Raymond Fleming*



lynn mckenzie - March 20, 2017 at 08:41 PM