



Royal Erskin Jr.

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Royal Erskin Jr., age 89, of Vestaburg, Michigan passed away on Friday, December 24, 2021, at Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Alma, Michigan, after a long battle with Congestive Heart Failure and Parkinson's Disease. Jr was born on June 12, 1932, in Richland Township, the son of Royal and Mary Elizabeth (Hawk) Erskin Sr.

Jr was raised in Vestaburg and attended the Losey Country School until 8th grade and then continued his education at Vestaburg High School graduating with the Class of 1949. Jr was drafted by the Army during the Korean War, in which he proudly and honorably served his country as a sergeant for four years, from 1950 - 1954.

Jr married Joyce Marie Norris on May 7, 1957, in Alma, Michigan. Starting in 1957, Jr was the owner operator of the Erskin Refinery Service in Vestaburg until he retired in January of 1992. He enjoyed motorcycling, boating, camping, and vacationing in Michigan.

He loved spending winters in Florida with his siblings, family, and church gatherings. He was a member of the Pine River Church of God, and a former member of the Vestaburg Lions Club, the Northeast Montcalm Area Council, the Vestaburg Businessmen's association (for runner to NEMEC). Jr was a Vestaburg Pioneer Honorary and was a church board member and officer multiple times in different capacities.

Jr is survived in death by his children, David (Marilyn) Erskin of Vestaburg and his children, Ashley (Michael) Slack, and Nicole (Calieb) Humble, Eric (Diane) Erskin of Delphi, Indiana, and his children Anna Williams, Amy (Ello) McDonald, David, Andrew, Susan, and Megan Erskin, and Lisa (Mark) Rogers of Vestaburg and her children Kate (Jacob) Drury, and Matthew (Kelsey) Rogers; great-grandchildren, Emersyn, Jayden, Aleah, Memphis, Everett, Sierra, Paityn, Alexa, Everly, Gracelyn, and two on the way; one sister, Carroll Ann (Michael) Brophy of Holly; sister-in-law, Betty Erskin of Sparta; and several nieces, nephews, and church family.



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Funeral services for Jr will be Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at the Pine River Church of God at 2:00 P.M. The family will accept friends for visitation on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at the church from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. and on Wednesday, one hour before the service.

A luncheon will be held at the church following the interment at Richland Twp. Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Pine River Church of God or the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight.



Tribute Wall

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PK

Patty King posted:

Lisa, Mark and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. may you find comfort in the warm family memories.

December 28 at 8:00 PM

SG

Shelly Gorsuch lit a candle in honor of Royal.

Our condolences to you all, sending prayers and hugs to you all. So sorry from Lyn and Shelly Gorsuch

December 27 at 8:00 PM



WA

With Love - Doris, Shaina, & Abbie shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our deepest sympathies. Grandpa will be missed.

December 27 at 8:00 PM



ET

Ed And Deanna Taylor shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

December 27 at 8:00 PM



TO

The Prosecuting Attorneys Office shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

December 27 at 8:00 PM



GK

Greg King posted:

Prayers for the Erskin family. Great memories with the Pine River church. David and Marilyn may God cover you with peace and love

December 27 at 8:00 PM



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JV

Jan Vaughn posted:

Sending my deepest condolences , May our Lord comfort you all with precious memories of good times with your Father. My memories go way back to 1957 with great times with both Joyce and Jr. They're together again

December 27 at 8:00 PM

PA

Pam posted:

So many fun memories spending time with Uncle JR. and Aunt Joyce. He even got me out horseback riding. 😊❤️

December 26 at 8:00 PM

RM

Randy Mallory posted:

So sorry for the loss...worked for Jr when I was young....👤

December 26 at 8:00 PM

JS

Jaimi Schultz posted:

So sorry for your loss Marilyn! Prayers to you all.

December 26 at 8:00 PM

DH

Dewey Hilding posted:

Sorry for your loss. He was a great man. Always a jolly guy to be around. God bless.

December 26 at 8:00 PM

LF

Love, Cousin Grace And Family. shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sorry I couldn't be with you.

December 26 at 8:00 PM





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AE

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Royal Erskin Jr. posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Brigham Funeral Chapel - Edmore

December 26 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

With heartfelt condolences,

December 26 at 8:00 PM

CB

Carroll Brophy posted:

I'm his last sibling, we enjoyed several years together here in Florida. I cut his hair, cooked many meals for him. I have many wonderful memories of us together. This Covid and flying will keep me from being there for his memorial. Love to all my family. Aunt Carroll Ann.

December 26 at 8:00 PM

DB

Debora King Beemer posted:

Prayers for his family, Jr was our neighbor for many years we lived across the road from him very nice guy

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Royal by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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