



Ira Walter MONROE

May 14, 1929 - November 16, 2019

Ira Walter Monroe, 90, of St. Charles, Missouri, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, November 16, 2019. He was born on May 14, 1929, in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Ira was a creative force with an inquisitive mind. He served in the United States Army as a Sergeant from March 13, 1951 until February 4, 1953, earning several medals and commendations. During his military career, he fought in the Korean War. Upon exiting the United States Army, Ira worked for McDonnell Douglas in St. Charles, Missouri as a Detail Inspector until retirement. Ira was also a Master Free Mason.

In his younger days, Ira enjoyed playing the electric guitar in several bands, listening to music, going dancing with his bride and good friends, maintaining his yard and garden, spending time with his grandchildren, using the computer, and browsing eBay for deals. He loved the "thrill of the sale" that eBay provided. Ira would buy ball chain necklaces, in bulk, to carry his many cell phones. He would also buy large quantities of watches, then gift them to his children and grandchildren. He never passed an opportunity to make someone smile, specifically Audrey. He is best known for bragging about his beautiful wife and his many grandchildren.

Ira is preceded in death by his loving parents, Cleatus Randolph Monroe and Ora Gertrude Monroe (nee Wilkerson); sisters, Ruth Monroe and Helen Monroe; brother, Cleatus Monroe Jr.; and grandson, Shawn P. Cannon.

Ira is survived by his wife Audrey Monroe (nee Spathelf); his children, Pamela Cannon, Nancy (Allan) Riddel, and Steven Monroe; his grandchildren, Kristina (Eric) Foster, April (James) McPherson-Anderson, Jesse (Jessica) Cannon, Elise (Jeremy) (former spouse Brian) McCoy-Fuka, Heather (Sara) McPherson, Michaela (Nicholas) Brune, and Luka Riddel; his great-grandchildren, Justin Cantu, Julian McPherson-Anderson, Shawn K. Cannon, Marshall Foster, Noah McCoy, Wyatt McCoy, Havana Brune, Wilhelmina Brune, Gabriel "Niko" McPherson-Anderson, Theo Brune (due January 2020), Randy LaMountain, Nick Fields, and Savannah Fields. Ira was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. He will be deeply missed by all

who loved him.

A joint memorial will take place at Frieden's UCC at the corner of Zumbahl and Hwy 94 (City of St. Charles) on Saturday, December 7th at two in the afternoon to honor both Ira W. Monroe and his son Steven L. Monroe whom just passed away days after the death of his beloved father. Please come and share stories of the Monroe men with family and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Friedens United Church of Christ
1703 Old Highway 94 South
St. Charles, MO 63303

Tribute Wall

AR

“ *Allan Riddel lit a candle in memory of Ira Walter MONROE*



Allan Riddel - December 03, 2019 at 01:57 PM

HF

“ *Holly Freeman lit a candle in memory of Ira Walter MONROE*



Holly Freeman - November 22, 2019 at 02:25 PM

RE

“ *I remember listening to Mr. Monroe play his steel guitar, and give us neighborhood kids a ride on that ugly powder blue motor scooter he and Steve rode on our lot.*

Rob Echele - November 21, 2019 at 04:40 PM

SA

“ *Sharon Allen lit a candle in memory of Ira Walter MONROE*



Sharon Allen - November 21, 2019 at 01:17 PM

DK

“ *Donna Kahn lit a candle in memory of Ira Walter MONROE*



donna kahn - November 20, 2019 at 11:48 PM

DK

My deepest sympathy to Audrey and the family. May you find peace and love with all memories you shared. I wish I could be there and give you a hug. All my love!!!

donna kahn - November 20, 2019 at 11:53 PM

SA

I am going to miss my birthday buddy. Mr. Monroe was always kind and loving toward my family. When he accepted you as family it was a done deal. No matter what you remained family. He was one of the kindest, gentlest and most loving men I ever met and I am sad to hear of his passing. Prayers for comfort being sent for his family and friends.

Sharon Allen - November 21, 2019 at 01:35 PM

TC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I remember Ira working in the garden and he always had the best tomatoes! I think that’s where my love for tomatoes began!



The Rucker Family and Charles Crosier - November 20, 2019 at 10:16 AM