



## Ernest Daniel Cone Jr.

September 10, 1922 - October 24, 2015

Ernest Daniel Cone Jr. age 93 of Bolivar, Missouri, passed away at Mt Vernon Veterans' Home on October 24, 2015.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, November 2, 2015 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bolivar, Missouri. Visitation will be one hour prior to service on Monday, November 2, 2015.

Ernest was born September 10, 1922 in Kansas City, Missouri the son of Ernest Cone Sr. and Ruth (Bender) Cone. He married the love of his life, Lilah Marie Earhart, on December 12, 1942 and three children were born in the union.

Ernest served in the United States Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II and was stationed in the South Pacific. He saved many lives by flying supplies to the troops and flying the wounded from the battle to safety to receive medical care. Ernest worked as an Air Traffic Controller after serving

in the military and was a great family man. He also spent 55 years as a builder and land developer until he retired in 2005. He developed Lake Forest Subdivision on Pomme de Terre Lake in Pittsburg, Missouri. While living there he served as a Deputy Sheriff and founded the Pittsburg Fire Department.

Ernest was always blessed with many wonderful friends. He was a member of Berean Baptist Church of Bolivar, Missouri. Ernest loved family; the outdoors (including hunting, fishing, flowers, gardening, as well as animals); and living in a rural area. He enjoyed spending his winters with his wife in Arizona in their motor home while surrounded by friends. Some of the highlights of his life were his Air Corps Reunions and the Ozark Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Lilah M. Cone, of Bolivar, Missouri; three children --Nancy Hoke of Canyon Lake, California , Sharon Underwood of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Bruce Cone of Lawson, Missouri; six grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Ernest will be greatly missed but his family rejoices knowing he is with the Lord and they will one day be reunited.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
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<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Daniel Cone Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Ernest Daniel Cone Jr.

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ I bought my property here at Lake Forest and am honored to have known Ernie. Steven preceded him in death, maybe they will recognize one another and look down on what they both loved. sincere condolences to Lila and the family. May God wrap his loving arms around you in your loss.

Linda Lober - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to you Mrs. Cone. I am Ken Gaines of Sparta. I knew Ernie in WW2 as we were both pilots of the 64th TCS in the Pacific. We flew several missions together and became good friends. What I remember best about Ernie was his love of the pit bull that accompanied us on every flight. I also remember the tears he shed when he had to leave his beloved companion behind as we embarked on the Liberty Ship headed for home.

God Bless -  
Ken Gaines  
kwgaines66@yahoo.com

Kenneth - October 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM