



Ferdinand Joseph "Babe" Esterle

December 6, 2011

ESTERLE, FERDINAND JOSEPH "BABE," 81, of Louisville, passed away on December 6, 2011 at his residence. He retired in 1995 from The Merrick Printing Company as project manager. He served in the U.S. Army, was a founding member of the Bishop David Falconeers Club, the Angela Merici Boosters Club and a member of The Louisville Litho Club. Babe, the youngest of 13, was born December 4, 1930 to William and Lillian Esterle. He was preceded in death by his parents; and 12 siblings, brothers, Will, Durward, Charles, J. Edwin, Rich, Paul, Joe and Leonard; sisters, Lucille Day, Lillian Snipp, Eleanor Esterle and Rose Sherrard. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Shirley Cochran Esterle; a daughter, Ann Marie Esterle; three sons, Steve, Craig (Paula) and Wayne Esterle; grandchildren, Staff Sergeant Robert Esterle, US Army, Brittany Raibick (Ryan), Ashley Esterle (Marc); and great-grandson, Luke Raibick. The family would like to thank his cardiologist, Dr. Manish Sharma and caregivers, Mildred Thompson and Joyce Cook for their quality care, unequalled compassion and friendship. Funeral services will be noon Monday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, with burial in Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation will be 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and after 10 a.m. Monday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Louisville Chapter of Big Brothers, 1519 Gardner Lane, Suite B, Louisville, KY 40218. and Big Sisters. Online condolences to owenfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann you and your famil are in our thought today during this most difficult time. We love ya girl Laura and Linda*

Laura Fugate - June 28, 2018 at 04:06 PM

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“ *I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.
May you find comfort in knowing we care,
Celeste & Destiny Mackey, KMF
Fassler Florist & Events*

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“ *My sincere sympathy to the Esterle family.*

Don Hardesty - June 28, 2018 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Never did I encounter Babe without being drawn to and impressed by his kind spirit, simple humanity, tranquil nature and the obvious love and affection he had for his dear wife Shirley and family. This world needs so many more like Babe Esterle and he will be much missed by us all.
With condolences and warm affection to Shirly and family,
Ed and nancy O'Hearn*

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