



## Earl Phillip Marcotte

July 28, 1935 - December 8, 2020

Earl Phillip Marcotte, Jr., age 85, entered his eternal home on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, following a one-month illness at Riverside Miller Rehabilitation in Kankakee. He had previously resided at Butterfield Assisted Living.

Earl was born July 28, 1935 in Kankakee, to Earl P. Marcotte, Sr., and Margaret E. Kohl Marcotte. He was the eldest of four children. He attended schools in Boubonnais and Kankakee, and graduated from Kankakee High School in 1953. He had taken courses in agriculture at the University of Illinois. He was very active in 4-H as a teen, and during high school, brought a champion Jersey milking cow to the Illinois State Fair.

He married Joanne C. Arthur on October 1, 1960, at Calvary Bible Church, where they were very active and enthusiastic members. They raised three children together, Mark, Timothy, and Melody. Earl was a diligent, conscientious, hard-working farmer his entire working life. He milked cows for many years, in addition to raising beef cattle and hogs. He worked the fields as well as assisting in the family business, Timm Sales & Service. After his retirement, he and Joanne became snowbirds for several years, commuting between Kankakee and Apache Junction, Arizona.

In his early married life, he enjoyed participating in athletic church leagues, especially basketball and bowling. He made lifelong friendships with several of

his church buddies. Earl and Joanne taught early childhood Sunday school together for many years. They liked to travel when he was able to make a bit of time for it. Although he worked long hours, Earl always made sure his family could take vacations at least once a year, always by car, to many places throughout the U.S.A. Sometimes, the trip was unplanned- he just left home pointed in the general direction, and off we went. Those were remembered as some of the best vacations of all.

Surviving are a son, Mark (Jill) Marcotte, daughter Melody Morrissette (Tom Emmart), and Kris Van Doran, former Daughter-in-Law, sister Clarrissa Kibbons of Lake Okeechobee, FL, sister Marla (Bob) Ostrowski, of Kankakee, brother Steve (Gail) Marcotte, of Kankakee, foster brother George (Phyllis) Giagnoni, of Mt. Carmel IL, foster sisters Linda Giagnoni, of Boubonnais, and Karen Giagnoni, of Kankakee, grandchildren Laura (Chris) Kimmel, Ryan Marcotte, Elizabeth Marcotte, Sarah (Jacob) Marciniak, Andrew (Sara) Marcotte, Matthew (Meredeth) Marcotte, Max (Anne) Diaz, Parker Morrissette, Bennet Morrissette, Cooper Morrissette, great-grandsons, Jude Kimmel, Michael Marcotte, Levi Marcotte, and Dominic Diaz, great-granddaughters, Lennon Kimmel, Abigail Marciniak, and Rebekah Marciniak. Also surviving are several close friends, Jack & Joanne Jarvis, Linda & Dave Suprenant, Judean Benston, Roger Wissmiller, Donna Hanks, as well as a close sister-in-law Barbara Arthur, and a special niece and former caregiver, Vickie Fortin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne, and son, Timothy.

Cremation rites have been accorded through Jensen Memorial Chapel. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will be planning a memorial life celebration to be held a later date.

Memorials can be made in Earl's name to Uplifted Care (formerly Hospice of Kankakee Valley).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Phillip Marcotte*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *RIP Earl. I know God has a special place in heaven for you. You were one of the kindest persons I knew and had alot of memories being on the farm. My deepest condolences go out to the family.*

**Bruce Fortin** - August 03, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *It was such a joy to meet and work with Earl when I listed and sold his home in Camelot. He always had a funny thing to say. Please accept my condolences.*

**Joyce Frank** - July 31, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Earl and Joanne were two of the people at our former church when we went there in 1987. He was a great guy. She was a great lady. God bless those left behind. - Joel*

**Joel E Giles** - December 30, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *Uncle Earl will always hold a special place in my heart. He was a kindhearted, gentle soul.*

**Dennis Gravitt** - December 15, 2020 at 12:08 PM

PJ

“ Earl was one of the sweetest men I know. I work at Chamness and Merten Accounting and he was a long time client. I enjoyed talking to him whenever he would call or come in the office. I send my sincerest condolences to his family. I'm honored to have know him.

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**Pam Johnson** - December 14, 2020 at 07:56 PM

JC

“ One of the best. Helped me out more than once. Fun to work with

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**jim crosswell** - December 14, 2020 at 07:45 PM

DA

“ Earl was a kind and caring man who always had a kind word and smile my condolences to Chris, Marla and Steve and their families.

*sincerely,*

*Dave Marcotte*

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**dave** - December 14, 2020 at 06:32 PM

TS

“ I remember going to church at Calvary Bible. He was my sunday school teacher. What a wonderful man! My condolences to the entire Marcotte family.

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**Tammy (Bradley) Seemann** - December 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM

JF

“ That was a wonderful tribute to your father. Growing up with Uncle Junior, on the farm as a youngster, watching him work his tail off, alongside my Dad, taught me at an early age what "hard work" was & prepared alot of us for real life. He then married my Mom's sister bringing us even closer as a family. I've been blessed with many, many wonderful memories of your Dad & Mom in our lives from childhood to adulthood. I thank God for having both of these wonderful people in my life. God bless you Mark & Melody. May the Lord bring you comfort knowing they are together for eternity...❤️🙏

Jeff Fortin - December 12, 2020 at 11:08 AM

TP

“ The Pieritz family has so many fond memories of Earl and Joanne!!! Thank you for always showing us love!! Thinking of you all during this time.

Tami Pieritz-Walters - December 11, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. He sure was a gem to care for at Butterfield. He definitely was one of my favorites. I will miss our talks the most.

judi brault - December 11, 2020 at 08:06 PM

SS

“ Condolences to you Melody, Mark and Tim. So very sorry to hear of your dads passing! May he be at peace! May special memories find comfort at this time! Prayers to all!

Sue and Rory Serafini

sue serafini - December 11, 2020 at 07:21 PM

DB

“ Always enjoyed visiting Uncle Earl and Aunt Judy. Angela always had a comfy lap and we could always count on a few corny jokes. You'll always be in our hearts.

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**Debra Belor** - December 11, 2020 at 02:50 PM