



Otis E. Kerley

September 7, 1930 - October 21, 2013

Otis E. Kerley, son of Orlan and Lassie (Shrum) Kerley, was born September 7, 1930 near Simpson, Illinois. He passed away Monday evening, October 21, 2013 at 6:15 PM at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, IL.

Otis was united in marriage to Betty Jo Tucker on March 29, 1952 in the Flatwoods community of Johnson County, Illinois. She preceded him in death on August 4, 2002.

Otis was a US Army veteran serving from 1945 through 1968. During the Korean War, he was awarded the Purple Heart. His favorite duty during his many years of military service was a ski instructor at Ft. Lewis, Washington. In addition to retirement from the US Army, Otis retired from Norge in Herrin, Illinois with 20 years of service.

Survivors include:

2 Daughters- Pat & Donald Vaughn of Belknap, IL
Teresa & David Hill of Karnak, IL

2 Sons- Everett & Sandy Kerley of Ganntown, IL
Leo & Teri Kerley of Vienna, IL

8 Grandchildren- Joy & Ted Beggs, Sara & Justin Partridge, Seth Vaughn, Matt & Devyn Kerley, Kenneth & Kiersten Kerley, Jacob & Jenifer Kerley, Daniel Kerley and Michael Hill.

15 Great Grandchildren

3 Brothers- Rillis Kerley of Vienna, IL

Donald Kerley of Vienna, IL

Roy Kerley of Simpson, IL

3 Sisters- Faye Kerley of Metropolis, IL

Letha Breeden of Vienna, IL

Wilma Murphy of Vienna, IL

In addition to his parents and wife, Otis was preceded in death by his sister, Frances Kerley along with infant sisters, Betty Lou and Millie Florine.

Otis was a member of Belknap Pentecostal Church.

He loved reading and studying the Bible, gardening and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, October 26, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the Belknap Pentecostal Church. Pastor Kenneth Capps will officiate.

Burial will be in the Rock Springs Cemetery near Simpson. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post #5222 and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

Visitation will be Friday evening after 5PM at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, IL and from 12PM-1PM Saturday at the Belknap Pentecostal Church.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home, 792 N. Main Street, Anna, IL 62906 or to Rock Springs Cemetery, c/o Roy Kerley, State Rt. 147, Simpson, IL 62985.

Cemetery Details

Rock Springs Cemetery

Simpson, IL 62985

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Visitation

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Belknap Pentecostal Church
East Main Street
Belknap, IL 62908

Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Belknap Pentecostal Church
East Main Street
Belknap, IL 62908

Tribute Wall



“ *Otis E. Kerley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Pat, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Otis will be greatly missed at the Veterans Home but thank God we know he is in a better place. God bless you and your family.*

Sheilah Whittington

Sheilah Whittington - October 29, 2013 at 10:45 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. No matter what we are never ready to lose them.*

Sondra Goins - October 26, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ *Mike and I are so sorry for the loss of your father, we are thinking of you and your family in this sad time. God bless Diana Newton*

Diana Newton - October 26, 2013 at 08:41 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Psalms146:5 says: Happy is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help. Whose hope is in God. Yes you are sad now but soon when God bring back to life those in his memory, you will be happy for you hoped in him. So because of God's love and knowing the pain death bring to us, he will also cause death to end forever, never to return. Please, you and your family, find some comfort from these facts.

Mary Miller - October 24, 2013 at 06:29 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley



Sheri Robinson - October 24, 2013 at 11:58 AM

CW

“ Carmen & George Wells lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley



Carmen & George Wells - October 23, 2013 at 05:59 PM



“ Angie Martin lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley



Angie Martin - October 23, 2013 at 12:49 AM

HV

“ *Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley*



Harold & Georgia Vinson - October 22, 2013 at 08:42 PM

JG

“ *Jim & Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley*



Jim & Lora Goddard - October 22, 2013 at 05:21 PM

FB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his family and the many extended Kerley cousins.*

Faye Bowman



Faye Bowman - October 22, 2013 at 04:45 PM

LK

“ *Papa was a really special person , he was loved by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

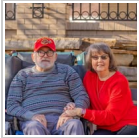
Lois Kerley - October 22, 2013 at 01:16 PM

LK

“ *Lois Kerley lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley*



Lois Kerley - October 22, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ *Sherry Belcher lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley*



Sherry Belcher - October 22, 2013 at 12:14 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley*



Rich and Karen Brumley - October 22, 2013 at 08:46 AM

RB

We are thinking of you at this time.

Rich and Karen Brumley - October 22, 2013 at 08:47 AM

RO

“ *Richard And Joan Owen lit a candle in memory of Otis E. Kerley*



Richard and Joan Owen - October 22, 2013 at 05:55 AM

RO

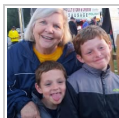
thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Richard and Joan Owen - October 22, 2013 at 06:00 AM

CM

love an prayers go out to all of you.i can't begin to express sympathy for your loss.love you all. carolyn

carolyn mount - October 23, 2013 at 01:08 PM



You are in my prayers, Pat and family. Your love and strength you have shown as you cared for your dad at the Veterans Home has been a tribute to your dad and also to your Lord. I am blessed to have spent these times with you. I pray God's comfort and grace to get you through the feelings of loss. We know we will be together in Heaven forever, because of His promises. Blessings. Suzi Jordan

Suzanna Jordan - October 25, 2013 at 07:49 AM