



## Earl C. Radaker

April 16, 1934 - June 12, 2026

Earl C. Radaker, 92, of Anderson, Indiana, peacefully entered the presence of his Savior on June 12, 2026, passing quietly in his sleep. Born April 16, 1934, in Fairmount City, Pennsylvania, Earl was the son of Albert and Bertha (Bowersox) Radaker.

He spent most of his life in Anderson, where he built not only a career but also a reputation as a man of integrity, kindness, and quiet strength. Earl worked as a Tool and Die Maker at Delco Remy, a profession well suited to his skillful hands and strong work ethic. He proudly served his country in the United States Army before returning home to build a life centered on faith, family, and service to others. On October 7, 1989, he married Mary (Matthews) Radaker, and together they shared many happy years of marriage, travel, friendship, and adventure. Whether exploring new places, enjoying a meal with family and friends, watching a good movie, or settling in with a book, Earl found joy in life's simple blessings. He especially enjoyed woodworking, board games, animals, and spending time with the people he loved. One of the highlights of each week was gathering with friends for breakfast at Bob Evans, where good food, good conversation, and plenty of laughter were always on the menu.

Those who knew Earl will remember a man who was patient, gentle, generous, and unfailingly kind. He never seemed to meet a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need. He worked hard, complained little, and possessed a stubborn streak that was usually put to good use, helping him persevere through life's challenges and remain

steadfast in his commitments. A gifted woodworker, Earl took satisfaction in creating things with care and craftsmanship. Nothing brought him greater happiness than being surrounded by his children, grandchildren, family, and friends. He loved deeply, laughed easily, and had a wonderful sense of humor that could brighten even difficult days. Most importantly, Earl was a Christian whose faith shaped the way he lived. He and Mary faithfully attended Maple Grove Church of God, where they worshiped alongside dear friends and fellow believers. In his final days, Earl spoke of his anticipation of seeing his Savior face-to-face and being reunited with his parents and siblings who had gone before him. While his family and friends grieve the loss of his presence, they rejoice that his faith has become sight and that he is now experiencing the fullness of the joy he longed for.

Earl is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Radaker of Anderson; daughter Jeannie Stewart (Joseph) of Delphi; son Bil Radaker (Donna) of Jamestown; daughter Wanda "Nana" Good (Ulysses) of Delphi; stepdaughter Bridget Blue (Larry) of Martinsville; stepson Charles Parker II of Indianapolis; 16 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Patricia Callahan Radaker; and his siblings, Merle Radaker, Ethel Neiswonger, Mable Shick, Velma Kovach, Pearl Quinn, and Arnold Radaker.

Earl was the king of dad jokes and always seemed to have a lighthearted response ready at just the right moment. Whenever one of his children got hurt, he would offer his trademark words of comfort: "It'll feel better when it quits hurting."; Simple, practical, and delivered with the twinkle in his eye that those who loved him will never forget. Today, our hearts ache because we miss him dearly. But we know that for Earl, the hurting has stopped. He is home with his Savior, reunited with loved ones who went before him, and experiencing a joy beyond anything we can imagine. His kindness, humor, steadfast faith, and enduring love for his family will continue to influence all who knew him. Though we wish we could enjoy

just one more breakfast, one more board game, one more story, one more laugh, and one more hug, we are grateful for the years we were given and the example he leaves behind.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:23

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Loose Funeral Home in Anderson. The funeral service will immediately follow, with David Reams officiating.

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# Cemetery Details

## **Marion National Cemetery**

1700 E 38th Street  
Marion, IN 46953

# Tribute Wall

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