



Jerdon Lee Emery

March 31, 1924 - March 24, 2009

Jerdon Lee Emery, of Bloomfield, passed away at 11:58 a.m. on Monday, March 24th, 2009 at the Bloomington Hospital.

Born March 31st, 1924 in Linton, Indiana he was the son of Jonas Walker Emery and Fanny Ices (Carter) Emery.

Jerdon was a plumber and pipe fitter retired from NSWC Crane, Indiana.

Jerdon also worked as a plumber at Branstetter Plumbing and Heating in

Bloomfield. He had performed numerous other jobs in his early years

including that of a coal truck driver and taxi cab driver in Bloomfield, Indiana.

Jerdon was a member of Antioch Christian Church. He was an avid gardener who enjoyed gardening with his family, good friends and neighbors. He was a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Jerdon was a veteran of World War II. He was a Technical Sergeant in the U. S. Army, entering service on November 2nd, 1944 discharged on August 31st, 1946. He trained at North Camp Hood, Texas and Fort Kilmer, New Jersey. In the army he drove a tank, military transport truck, and also served as an MP. He served in the European Theatre of Operations, serving in France, Belgium and Germany. He was decorated with the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Army of Occupation Medal.

Surviving relatives include his daughter, Kelly Rae Anderson, of Bloomfield, his granddaughter, Audrey Ellen Anderson Memering, Son-In-Law Justin Memering, and great granddaughter Adelyn Kae Memering, all of Vincennes,

Indiana, several nieces and nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce Ellen Emery in 2006, his Father Jonas Walker Emery in 1930, his Mother Fanny Ices (Carter) Emery in 1957, brother Bobby Emery in 1921, infant sister Susan Lois Emery in 1928, brother Jesse Emery in 1934, brother Walter Ray Emery in 1992, and two sisters Doris JoAnn (Emery) Blaker in 1988 and Ruth (Emery) O'Neal in 2007.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 28th, 2009 and from noon until the hour of the service on Sunday. Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29th, 2009 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Reverends Arlen Pope and Billy Ed Hostettler officiating. Burial will follow at Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in Bloomfield. The Bloomfield American Legion will conduct services following the funeral service and at graveside. Online condolences may be left at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Kelly, I was so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I wanted you to know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers. Please take comfort in knowing that your parents are now together again.

SHERRI HOWELL - April 02, 2009 at 11:16 AM

MS

“ Kelly, I very sorry to hear about you losing your father; I know that is very tough. Mike Small

Mike Small - March 30, 2009 at 09:11 AM

SW

“ Kelly, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I read your comments to him in the Guest Book and I was quite moved by your words. I have two daughters of my own and I can only hope they have even a fraction of this love and dedication to me as you for your father. Although I haven't seen your father in years I have a very clear picture of him in your front yard - it seemed he was always busy with something, but never too busy to smile and say hello. I had no idea JL was a WWII veteran. As with many men of his generation they played so many roles in their lives: soldier, tradesman, father. You were very lucky to have him in your life for over a half of a century.
Again, I am sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my prayers.
With Sincere Condolences, Steve Williams

Steve Williams - March 27, 2009 at 04:36 PM

BH

“ Kelly, So sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Becky (Lee) Henry - March 27, 2009 at 04:33 PM

WA

“ Zoraida and I want you all to know that you are in our thoughts.

William and Zoraida Anderson - March 27, 2009 at 03:01 PM

KM

“ Dear Kelly and Audrey,
I am very sad to hear of the loss of your father and grandfather. I have wonderful memories of him being a very kind man. I hope you can keep your memories of him close to help you through this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. I will light a candle in his memory at our church.
Love- Karen and John Mastria

Karen Anderson Mastria - March 27, 2009 at 08:53 AM

SR

“ Kelly,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I took care of him a couple of times in the hospital and he is one patient I will never forget. He was so full of life and had so many stories to tell. I am sorry I didn't make more time to hear more of his wonderful stories and look at his garden books with him. Take care. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Susie Douthitt, RN - March 26, 2009 at 06:32 PM

KA

“ Dearest Dad,

I am so very heartbroken that you are gone but now you no longer have any health problems and you are in heaven with Mom, your Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters and Grandma and Granddaddy. I will miss you SO much. Life will be unbearable until time and God heal my pain. Life will NEVER be the same.

You were the absolute best Dad anyone could ever have. You were caring, kind, loving, forgiving, wise, funny, absolutely the best. You could do anything and be good at it.

You defended our country and lived through the great depression. Growing up you gave me everything I needed. You helped others, loved unconditionally and were everyone's friend. You never met a stranger. I will strive to be more like you.

I love you Daddy and will see you in heaven one day. It makes heaven seem much sweeter now.

Love always, Kelly

Kelly Anderson - March 26, 2009 at 10:54 AM