



Gerald Drake Yarnell

May 9, 1922 - October 7, 2012

Gerald Drake Yarnell, age 90, of Versailles, passed away Sunday, October 7, 2012, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born May 9, 1922, in Fortuna, Missouri, the son of the late Arthur and Sally Drake Yarnell.

He enlisted in the United States Navy in May of 1943. Gerald was honorably discharged with the rank of Motor Machinist's Mate, First Class V6 in May of 1946.

Gerald was a lifelong member of the Versailles American Legion Post 104, a member of the school board for many years, a volunteer firefighter for the Versailles Rural Fire Department for over 25 years having served as Fire Chief and a member of the Versailles United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed going out with the "coffee bunch" for his morning coffee. He also looked forward to handing out treats to children at Halloween.

Some of Gerald's favorite hobbies were fishing, watching western movies, all rodeo activities and mowing lawns.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Dorothy Laufenberg Yarnell of the home; his children, Rita Simmons and husband Carl of Holts Summit and Harvey Yarnell and wife Crystal of Versailles; his step-children, Diana

Laufenberg Puck and husband Mark of Lake Park, Georgia, Jeanne Laufenberg Fox of Walcott, Iowa and Dennis Laufenberg and wife Shannon of Versailles; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; a niece, Brooks Schuster and husband Bob of Fortuna; a nephew, Lowell Akin of Jefferson City; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ilene Sims, his sister, Vivian Akin and a daughter, Viola Yarnell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, October 11, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Dan Adkison officiating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, Preferred Hospice or the Versailles United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

OCT 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Monty & Pat Slapak lit a candle in memory of Gerald Drake Yarnell*



Monty & Pat Slapak - October 11, 2012 at 06:57 AM

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Dorothy-We extend our sincere sympathy to your families at this time of your loss. Know that we are thinking of all of you.

Monty & Pat Slapak - October 11, 2012 at 06:59 AM

TK

“ *Rita and Harvey, this will let me you know Yvonne and I are thinking of you in the passing of your father, Gerald. I still remember his Skelly filling station north of the square on Fisher Street. Your grandfather, A. J. Sims, and my mother, Alma Daniels Kerr, were first cousins. I have been away from Versailles so long that I had forgotten about Gerald being on the fire department and did not know of his serving in the U. S. Navy. How nice it was that your mother was able to pursue her interest in the DAR because of your father's providing for her and his family. Harvey, I am aware that you were named for your great grand father, "Harv" Sims. I am pleased that I was able to share in a letter to your father on his 90th birthday. I am also pleased, Mrs. Yarnell, that Gerald was not alone for the past 25 years. I still remember Ed Lake telling me of Gerald and him farming together in recent years. Again, this will let you know others are remembering in the passing of Gerald.*



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - October 11, 2012 at 06:54 AM

CB

“ *Cristy White Bauer lit a candle in memory of
Gerald Drake Yarnell*



Cristy White Bauer - October 10, 2012 at 07:33 AM