



William Thomas Ackerman

May 19, 1923 - March 21, 2020

William Thomas Ackerman, 96, of Elm Grove, died Saturday, March 21, 2020 in Wheeling Hospital.

He was born May 19, 1923 in Wheeling, WV; the son of the late Walter and Sara Ann Stevens Ackerman.

He was a retired postal carrier for the U.S. Post Office, an Army veteran of WWII; and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mom, Alice Ackerman; two brothers, Walter and Jerry Ackerman, and one sister, Elizabeth Jonas.

Survivors include his wife of 74 years, Adriana Ackerman; three children, Eric (Marsha) Ackerman of Texas, Germaine (Jim) Bell of Wheeling, Craig (Susan) Ackerman of Grant Pass, OR; one brother, Tom (Susan) Ackerman of Wheeling; nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. May your memories provide comfort in the days ahead. I remember your Mom and Dad at St. Mark's. Eric and I graduated fro THS together and were in Pastor Rust's confirmation class.
Barbara Archbold Brassington



Barbara Brassington - March 23, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ My sincere and deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Ackerman. *Denny Albaugh*

Dennis R Albaugh - March 22, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of William Thomas Ackerman, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, William Thomas Ackerman, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 22, 2020 at 04:26 AM

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“ Dear Pap,

You were the only grandfather I knew, which is why I think I'm having a hard time with this.

Almost every year you remembered to send a little something in the mail to me for my birthday or Christmas. The money was thoughtfully given, but the bigger message was that you wanted to connect despite our distance from each other. You always seemed to try to ensure all the grand kids had a little something special.

I wish Sofia and I could have shared photos with you from our wedding later this year. I know you would have been there if physically possible. Despite all that, I'm thankful you met Sofia and we had the opportunity to spend a little time together playing dominoes, eating DiCarlos pizza, and going to church. She got to experience your kindness as you insisted on paying for the meal at Coleman's fish market, where the attached photo was taken. You wouldn't let us leave without taking one of your WWII commemorative coin sets, which I took with me to every National Park I worked at after.

You were always supportive, wherever my job took me across the park service. I have a vivid memory of talking to you on the phone while driving through the Rocky Mountains of Colorado for the first time. You told me you were proud of me before I lost reception.

I know you like the western Gunsmoke, but never really watched it myself. My career has me living in Southern Utah, and I think some shots were filmed in Johnson Canyon only a few hours from me. I wish I would've taken photos and shared them with you sooner, but I'll head out there soon for you.

When I give my talks to the public, I proudly say I'm a 3rd-generation federal employee and it all started with you. The army then postal service, then dad with the park service and now me.

I don't have any photos of our last time together, but I'm glad we had it.

Mom, dad, Elyssa, and I are all thinking about you and missing you today. I wish we could all be in the same place one last time together to say goodbye to you. I wish we could all come together soon to remember you in Wheeling, too, but the world has other plans.

I love you, and I miss you.



Kyle Ackerman - March 21, 2020 at 11:25 PM