



## Lewis Giraud

April 17, 2015

Lewis “Louie” Giraud, age 88, of Fulton, formerly of Bowling Green passed away at his home April 15, 2015 surrounded by his family. Funeral visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20 at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green, MO followed by a 1:30 p.m. burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Louie was born August 12, 1926 in New York City, the son of Mable Dorner. Louie traveled with his four siblings and mother in a Model A Ford from the Bronx to Thida, AR where they squatted on an abandon farm in the mid-1930s. After serving in the military he returned from Germany with his first love and war bride, the late Irmgard Optiz, after they married in Augsburg, Germany November 18, 1947.

Louie was an Army Veteran of the Korean War and World War II and a switchman on the railroad. Louie had the pleasure of visiting the Washington D.C. service memorials last summer through the Honor Flight Organization with his daughter and granddaughter.

Louie was known best for his practical jokes, love of fireworks and was a fierce competitor at washers, cards and dominos. Louie lived by the motto “You don’t have to grow up, but you do have to be responsible”. All who knew him, saw that he was a big kid, in a more mature body. He lived a full life with laughs abound every day, his zest for life was contagious and made him an unforgettable character.

He was famous for his story telling, and though the stories sounded concocted, they were indeed true. No matter how many times he told the stories it was as if it was the first time he had ever told it. He would laugh at his own jokes before he could ever get to the punch line, causing an infectious domino effect of laughter. His free spirited nature earned him the title of “Crazy PaPa”, by his grandchildren. He was the first to squirt the water guns or play pirates, and oh how the children adored him. This was a man who was always young at heart, showing everyone he could kick his leg over a kitchen chair up until he was 87.

Survivors include his dear companion of 27 years Ruth R. Pelley; one daughter Ingrid

Giraud retired Air Force; two sisters Domini Tinsley and Delores Chambliss; three grandchildren Tre'von Giraud, Amanda Dugger and Heather O'Malley and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; daughter Sonja Carter; and brothers Richard and Raymond Giraud.

He will be greatly missed however we must laugh and live on in his honor until our own "Last Ride". In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations be made to Central Missouri Honor Flight or the Fulton, MO Senior Center.

# Comments

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“ Lou You Were The Best Father- In- Law A Son- In - Law Could Ever Have there Will Not Be A Day Go By That I Will Think Of You You Were So Good To Me And Sonja , I Love You And Miss You Very Much. . R.I.P

Your Son-In-Law

Ed

**Ed Carter** - June 23, 2015 at 12:39 PM

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“ Lou was a really good neighbor and friend to my wife and me when we lived in Glasgow Village. He and his wife lived right across the street and they would do anything for their friends and neighbors. Our condolences to all of his family, I know you will miss him greatly.

**David Corless** - June 23, 2015 at 12:39 PM

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“ To an AWESOME Grandpa!!!! I love you! One of my great memories was the time you took Amanda and I to a carnival in town on your motorcycle:) I know mom was not happy about that, but it was such a great time. I always had a great time when I visited with you. Thanks for being a great Grandpa!

**Heather O'Malley** - June 23, 2015 at 12:39 PM

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“ Dad, what a ride you have had. I will always cherish all the laughs we have had and how you made me very event special! I will really miss you but you will always be with me. Love you! Ingrid

**Ingrid Giraud** - June 23, 2015 at 12:39 PM

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“ My family is heartbroken we won't be able to visit him this summer. Prayers from the Mississippi Girauds- Robin (Giraud) Viglianco, Rachel (Giraud) Nichols & Elizabeth (Giraud) Duggan. I'm sure my PawPaw Richard was there to welcome him home!  
Robinv81@gmail.com

**Robin Giraud Viglianco** - June 23, 2015 at 12:38 PM

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“ We wish to express our heartfelt condolences to Louie's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so thankful to have known Louie and will miss his smile, his laugh, his stories. ~ Jack and Debbie

**Jack and Debbie McFarland** - June 23, 2015 at 12:38 PM

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“ Delores and Family,  
Uncle Zed asked me to tell you how sorry he was to hear about Lou and what great a friend he was to him. He shared with me some of the stories that he had. As you probaly know Uncle Zed has great stories.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Cheryl

**Cheryl Smith O'Brien** - June 23, 2015 at 12:38 PM

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“ Uncle Louie, Though you were my uncle, growing up I remember you more as a father figure. You gave us shelter and cared for us in those early days when I was a very young boy. Times were harsh back then, but you and Aunt Irmgard took the bite out of a poor situation and shared your home and your love with us. And don't let me forget Sonja. We were inseperable playmates in those days. Thank you for your kindness and most of all for your love.

**Frederick C Wooley** - June 23, 2015 at 12:37 PM

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“ Our prayers go out to all the family and Uncle Louie will be missed . We will all have wonderful memories of him and will treasure the time he was here.

**Carol Endicott** - June 23, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ prayers for all the family. Mom has many treasured memories.

**Diana Cowell** - June 23, 2015 at 12:37 PM

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“ We liked Louie and Ruth so much meeting them at our sons football games. As we understood, they just loved football, not having a player on the home team! We laughed so hard at the jokes and stories as we sat close at most games. One of our favorite memories was the two of them coming in our office on Halloween dressed as an Upper GI and Lower GI, Louie had had on the camo pants and she had the camo shirt! Please give our love to Ruth. We are sorry for her loss and all of the family's loss as well.

**Ann & Jim Hiles** - June 23, 2015 at 12:37 PM