



## Earl Ritz Jr.

July 24, 1926 - January 25, 2019

Earl Ritz Jr., 92, of Scott Depot, passed away January 25, 2019 at home. He was born July 24, 1926, in Dana, WV to the late Earl and Mary Ritz.

He graduated from Charleston High School. He was part of the world's greatest generation where he fought and served in the Philippines and Japan. He returned home where he married his high school sweetheart, and for over 70 years they lived happily ever after, celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this last New Year's Eve.

He is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Jeannette (Dickson) Ritz of Scott Depot; children, Earl Ritz (Ellen) of St. Albans, daughter, Cindi Robusto (Peter) of Hurricane; grandchildren, Michael Robusto, Crystal Miller (Daniel), Michelle Martin (Travis) and Allison Persinger (Rocky); 4 great grandchildren; sister, Elizabeth Bird (Larry) of Scott Depot; niece, Lisa Bird of NY; and many other extended family and friends.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to caregiver, Sheryl Settle and to HospiceCare.

The family suggests donations in lieu of flowers to HospiceCare at 1606 Kanawha Blvd. West Charleston WV 25387.

Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, is honored to serve the Ritz family.

# Comments

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“ I was a neighbor to Earl and Jeannette for several years and became very good friends with them and their family. Although we both moved away from Valley Pike and lost contact, they were in my thoughts often. I will miss Earl but I know his spirit is in heaven waiting on us all.  
Sincerely Russ Hash

**Russ Hash** - January 28, 2019 at 12:25 PM

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“ 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 Earl Ritz, Jr., 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 Veteran, Earl Ritz, Jr., 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 J Skinner, WV Patriot Guard** - January 27, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Earl’s passing. We love him and Jeanette so very much. The best of people. We pay that the many memories of Earl will sustain the family through this difficult time. We are always here if you need us. Glenn & Debbie Zegeer.

**Glenn & Debbie Zegeer** - January 28, 2019 at 01:29 PM