



## Harold Eugene Bayer

May 2, 1923 - June 15, 2022

Harold Eugene Bayer, 99 years of Columbia, IL, passed away on June 15, 2022 at Cedarhurst - Waterloo, Waterloo, IL. He was born May 2, 1923, in Percy, IL.

Harold was retired from Monsanto Corp., where he worked as a machinist. He was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Columbia, IL, and had served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of WWII. Harold was a member of the American Legion Post #1145 in Percy, IL, and South County YMCA. Harold enjoyed traveling with the Monsanto Retiree Club, bowling with the Monsanto bowling team, and meeting with friends for coffee at McDonalds and Hardees. He loved riding his bicycle every morning and enjoyed going square dancing and line dancing with his wife.

Surviving are his wife of 71 years, Wandalene (Wanda) Bayer of Columbia, IL, daughter, Trudy Saufnauer of Wright City, MO, son, Michael Bayer of Waterloo, IL, son, Craig (Donna) Bayer of Columbia, IL, son, Bruce Bayer of Collinsville, IL, grandchildren, Joshua, Christopher (Amanda), Nicholas (Chelsey), Eric (Allison), Melinda (Robby), Melissa (Evan), Alyssa, Charisma (Dan), Jason (Katie), Becky (Nathan), great-grandchildren, Zeke, Zoey, Zander, Carter, Conway, Magnolia, Raymond, Margaret, Eli, Ellowen, Emmelyn, Oliver, Caitlyn, Carissa, Cadence, Allie, Luke, along with other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Henry James Bayer, Sr.; Mother, Amelia, nee Boswell, Bayer; one grandson, Teagus Saufnauer; three brothers, Henry Bayer, Jr., Hubert Bayer, and Edward Bayer; three sisters, Lucille Bill, Doris Bayer, and Henrietta Bayer; one son-in-law, Bob Saufnauer.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 23, 2022, 4p.m.-7p.m. at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia, IL. Services will be held on Friday, June 24, 2022, at 11a.m. at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia, IL, with Pastor Sheldon Culver officiating. Interment will follow in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Songs 4 Soldiers, Columbia, IL. For more information, please access our website, [www.leesmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.leesmanfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Leesman Funeral Home - Columbia, IL  
218 South Metter Ave  
Columbia, IL 62236  
[leesmanfh@yahoo.com](mailto:leesmanfh@yahoo.com)  
<https://www.leesmanfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JUN **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Leesman Funeral Home - Columbia, IL  
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## Funeral Service

JUN **24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Mike & Nancy Allen lit a candle in memory of Harold Eugene Bayer



Mike & Nancy Allen - June 24 at 02:42 PM

TS

“ Dad, you were such a blessing to me. Your example of selflessness for family and friends, your work ethic and your unfailing love made an incredible difference in my life. You were truly a gift from God to our family. A wonderful dad and a great man who will be missed. I was proud to be your daughter.

Trudy Saufnauer - June 22 at 07:53 AM

MA

Trudy, We are very sorry for your loss.

Mike & Nancy ( Olsson) Allen

Mike Allen - June 24 at 01:46 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Bayer.



June 20 at 05:02 PM

PS

“ Wanda, Trudy, Mike, Craig and Bruce Please accept my Sympathy for Harold's passing. He was always had a welcoming smile.

Paul Straub - June 20 at 04:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Bayer.*



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June 19 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Bayer.*



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June 19 at 10:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Bayer.*



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June 18 at 09:13 PM

RS

“ *Renee Allen Sentiff lit a candle in memory of Harold Eugene Bayer*



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**Renee Allen Sentiff** - June 17 at 11:44 AM