



## Albert Ray Etheridge

April 21, 1932 - January 21, 2024

The family of Albert Ray Etheridge, 91, of Kansas City, Kansas is saddened to announce his passing on January 21, 2024.

Al was born to Roy Lee Etheridge and Margaret Ann Etheridge (nee Johns) on April 21, 1932. Raised in Seymour, Missouri, he graduated from Seymour High School. Al enjoyed growing up among his siblings and nieces and nephews who spent much time at the Etheridge homestead in Seymour.

He served as a Military Policeman in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954. In 1958, he married the love of his life, Velda Catherine Hickman, to whom he was married for 64 years, until her death in 2022. Al and Velda enjoyed traveling across the United States, on their own and also via tour groups. One of the highlights of their travel was seeing a show at the Grand Ole Opry.

Al was employed for over 40 years as a mechanic by Dean Machinery. He retired in 1997.

Family and friends will miss Al's twinkling blue eyes, his sense of humor, infectious laugh, and the myriad of stories he enjoyed sharing. An avid deer hunter, many of his tales were centered on his experiences in the field.

Likewise, he had many funny stories about life in Seymour.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Margaret; spouse, Velda;

and siblings Goldie Hackett; Homer Etheridge; Irene Winslow; Anna Lou Higgins; and Lottie Marie Etheridge (who passed as an infant).

He leaves behind a large family and many friends who will always remember his warmth and generosity.

A Funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Dr. Kansas City, KS 66106. Burial with military honors will follow at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to LL Dog Rescue (PO Box 8545, Prairie Village, KS 66208, the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 262-6610  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart cherishes the memories of holiday dinners at Grandma’s house seeing Big Ray smiling, eating pie, joking around and Aunt Velda bringing her cranberry relish hanging out in the kitchen helping out. I have special memories of times eating lunch together when we both worked downtown way back in the 1980s. We as a family love you dearly and will miss you.*

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**Margaret Sammur** - January 22, 2024 at 07:43 PM