



Earnest L. Dobbins

December 13, 1933 - October 26, 2025

Earnest Leroy Dobbins, 91, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, at the University of Kansas Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. Born on December 13, 1933, in Linn, Kansas, Earnest was one of twelve children born to Robert and Hazel Dobbins. He proudly served his country in the United States Army stationed in Korea. Earnest was known for his kind heart, sharp wit, and willingness to help anyone in need. He loved sharing jokes, often printing them out to hand to friends and family, and always brought laughter wherever he went. A talented mechanic, he retired from NCS and could fix just about anything. Whether it was a car, a home project, or a family member in need, Earnest was always ready to lend a hand. He enjoyed fishing, snagging, and watching NASCAR and the Kansas City Chiefs. Earnest was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Dorothy Dobbins; his parents; daughter-in-law, Kimberley Dobbins; and ten siblings. He is survived by his sons, Frank Dobbins (Melanie) and Terry Dobbins (Jennifer); grandchildren, Terrance Dobbins (Ashley), Emily Smith (Chaz), Heather Vandewater (DJ), and Frank Dobbins II (Laura); five great grandchildren; sister, Doloris Edwards (Larry); sisters-in-law Mary Dobbins and Connie Bleam; as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. A visitation will be held from 9:00–10:00 AM, followed by funeral services at 10:00 AM, on Friday, October 31, 2025, at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
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Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Earnest L. Dobbins*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 30, 2025 at 12:27 PM

AH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Angel & Jesse Hardy.*

Angel Hardy - October 31, 2025 at 10:17 PM

SC

“ *I don't know Frank, Earnest's son though he is my Supervisor's husband. Sending love, hugs and prayers to the whole family. It looks like Earnest had a wonderful life here on this earth. Wishing you comfort in this time of loss. Sincerely, Sabrina from Shook, Hardy & Bacon.*

Sabrina Creasy - October 31, 2025 at 05:38 PM

DS

“ *Debra S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest L. Dobbins.*

Debra S. - October 30, 2025 at 04:14 PM

YF

“ Your Shook Hardy & Bacon Family purchased the *Written in the Stars* for the family of Earnest L. Dobbins.



Your Shook Hardy & Bacon Family - October 29, 2025 at 04:17 PM

KA

“ Kirkham Michael & Assoc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest L. Dobbins.

Kirkham Michael & Assoc. - October 29, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Earnest L. Dobbins.



October 29, 2025 at 02:12 PM

TG

“ Todd and Dana Gerstner purchased the *Sweet Sincerity* for the family of Earnest L. Dobbins.



Todd and Dana Gerstner - October 29, 2025 at 10:49 AM

PF

“ Paul & Deborah Mills & FAmily purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Earnest L. Dobbins.



Paul & Deborah Mills & FAmily - October 29, 2025 at 09:44 AM

FG

“ From your bonus kids and grandchildren purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Earnest L. Dobbins.



From your bonus kids and grandchildren - October 29, 2025 at 08:23 AM

T&

“ The Stremmings Ron, Mary, Kyl & Madison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest L. Dobbins.

The Stremmings Ron, Mary, Kyl & Madison - October 28, 2025 at 10:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earnest L. Dobbins.



October 28, 2025 at 10:17 PM



“ *Nancy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Earnest Dobbins*



Nancy Reynolds - October 28, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earnest L. Dobbins.*



October 28, 2025 at 04:50 PM