



## Ernest William Rapp

October 8, 1941 - February 21, 2025

ERNEST W. RAPP  
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

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Ernest “Ernie” William Rapp, 83, of New Harmony, Indiana, born October 8, 1941, to Earl William and Mildred V. (Cooper) Rapp in Evansville, Indiana, passed away, Friday, February 21, 2025 at his home in New Harmony, Indiana.

He graduated from New Harmony High School, Indiana University and earned his Master’s Degree at Western Kentucky University. He taught at New Harmony High School and later was a teacher, administrator and superintendent at North Posey High School. He was a United States Navy Veteran serving during the Vietnam War and a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Masonic Artic Lodge in New Harmony, Indiana. He was an Acacia fraternity member and an avid IU Sports fan. He was a cycling enthusiast and enjoyed his grandchildren’s sporting events, summers at Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana and snow birding to Ft. Myers during the winter.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife of 54 years: Margaret “Maggie” Lois (Axton) Rapp; brother: Dr. George Rapp; brother-in-law: Ben Nefkens,

PhD; sister-in-law: Peggy Rapp.

Surviving are his sons: Dr. Kyle Rapp (Sherri) and Ryan Rapp; daughter: Stacey Rapp; sister: Helen Nefkens; grandchildren: Noah Rapp (Maddie), Thomas, Jackson "JT", Ella and Andrew "Drew" Rapp, Axton and Adelyn "Ady" Gamblin along with many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony, Indiana with burial to follow in Maple Hill Cemetery in New Harmony, Indiana. There will be a celebration of life meal afterwards at the American Legion Post 370, 516 Church Street in New Harmony, Indiana.

Visitation will be 2-7 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2025 at the funeral home with a Masonic service starting at 7 p.m. and visitation continuing 10 a.m. until service time, Saturday, March 1, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: American Legion Post 370, 516 Church Street, New Harmony, IN 47631 and/or The ALS Association, PO Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037-0022 or online at [www.als.org](http://www.als.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)  
615 S Brewery  
New Harmony, IN 47631  
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## Masonic Service

FEB 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Werry Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest William Rapp



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - February 23, 2025 at 02:06 PM

AS

“ Alex and Janice Stewart purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernest William Rapp.



Alex and Janice Stewart - February 28, 2025 at 05:23 AM

WA

“ With love from CA Nieces and Nephew and planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest William Rapp.

With love from CA Nieces and Nephew and - February 26, 2025 at 02:54 PM

WA

“ With love from CA Nieces and Nephew and purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest William Rapp.



With love from CA Nieces and Nephew and - February 26, 2025 at 02:54 PM

WH

“ With love and sympathies, Aunt Helen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest William Rapp.

With love and sympathies, Aunt Helen - February 26, 2025 at 12:13 AM

WH

“ With love and sympathies, Aunt Helen purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ernest William Rapp.



With love and sympathies, Aunt Helen - February 26, 2025 at 12:13 AM

UF

“ Uncle Mike, Aunt Terri, and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest William Rapp.

Uncle Mike, Aunt Terri, and Family - February 25, 2025 at 06:21 PM

UF

“ *Uncle Mike, Aunt Terri, and Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Ernest William Rapp.*



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**Uncle Mike, Aunt Terri, and Family** - February 25, 2025 at 06:21 PM

ML

“ *Ernie and I worked together for many years. We shared time traveling to Indy for IAPSS meetings and many mornings trying to determine if we could have school because of snowy weather. He was a guy who enjoyed life and brought joy to his friends. He will be missed. Mel Levin, former Mount Vernon Superintendent.*

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**Melvin Joseph Levin** - February 25, 2025 at 10:32 AM

BY

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Rapp family. As superintendent of Southwest Dubois Co Schools from 1994-2004, I shared many meetings, conferences &, of course, the Southern Indiana School Superintendents Club. Thoughts and prayers for the Rapp family and all those whose lives he touched. Bob Yost Family*

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**Bob Yost** - February 24, 2025 at 10:00 PM

CF

“ *My condolences to Mr. Rapp's family and friends.  
Eternal rest grant unto Mr. Rapp, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~*



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**Cathy Funkhouser** - February 24, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JH

“ Ernie was one of the finest people I have had the good fortune to know. He was fun to be around. He made you feel good by his wonderful personality. He will be missed

Jim Hubers - February 24, 2025 at 07:42 PM

JT

“ So sad to hear this. He was my history teacher at North Posey. Always made learning history enjoyable. Always regaled us with interesting and funny stories! Many years later he was very kind to my son as well. Condolences to his family. He will be missed!

Jennifer (Johnson) Tyner - February 24, 2025 at 09:35 AM

DP

“ David & Terri Palmer purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Ernest William Rapp.



David & Terri Palmer - February 23, 2025 at 08:45 PM

RK

“ So sorry to hear this. He was such a great man!

richard keck - February 23, 2025 at 05:18 PM

BF

“ Sorry for lost great man !! Thanks for sharing him .

Barrow Family - February 23, 2025 at 05:00 PM

PS

“ To Ernie’s family: So very sorry to hear about his passing. He will be missed by so many. May God guide you during this difficult journey.

God Bless,  
The Pat Singleton family

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Patricia Singleton - February 23, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - February 23, 2025 at 01:57 PM