



## Henry A. Von Essen

July 23, 1927 - October 15, 2016

GREENFIELD – Henry A. Von Essen, age 89, of Greenfield, passed away Saturday, October 15, 2016. He was born on July 23, 1927 in Brooklyn, New York as the son of Anthony E. and Sophie E. (Chmielecki) Von Essen.

Henry served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Molly A. (Schubert) on May 21, 1949 in Long Island, New York. He was the owner of Suburban Products in Greenfield for more than 50 years.

Mr. Von Essen was a member of the American Legion of Greenfield and St. Michael Catholic Church in Greenfield.

Henry is survived by his son, Lawrence (Bernadette) H. Von Essen of Greenfield; daughters, Carolyn A. (Ron) Cochran of Wildwood, Florida, Lorraine T. (Ron) Davis of Lake Placid, Florida and Andrea (Michael) Apple of Indianapolis; brothers, Fr. Pacificus Von Essen and Fr. Peter Von Essen, both missionaries in Japan; sister, Mary Ann Leland of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister-in-law, Stella Von Essen of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony E. and Sophie E. Von Essen; wife, Molly A. Von Essen; brother, Allen Von Essen; and granddaughter, Kylene Padgett.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A rosary service will immediately follow at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenfield, IN 46140. Father Aaron Jenkins will be officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](http://www.erleweinmortuary.com) or email condolences to [sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com](mailto:sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com).

# Cemetery

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## Park Cemetery

621 South State Street  
Greenfield, IN, 46140

# Events

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**OCT 18** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield  
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

**OCT 19** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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St. Michael Catholic Church  
519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

# Comments

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ken & Lynn Meier

**Ken Meier** - October 19, 2016 at 08:38 AM

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“ Ann Rihm Idlewine lit a candle in memory of Henry A. Von Essen



**Ann Rihm Idlewine** - October 18, 2016 at 05:11 PM



“ Mr. Von Essen had a kind and Godly heart that touched me and will not be forgotten. My prayers to the family. " May you find eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

**Ann Rihm Idlewine** - October 18, 2016 at 05:15 PM

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“ I have had the blessing of knowing Henry and his family since I was in first grade and started attending St. Michael's School with his children. Even when I was that young, I could see Henry's faith shine through those loving eyes and warm smile. He always made everyone around him feel special and loved. My love, prayers and hugs go out to all of you. God bless Henry - Jill Jones Ebbert



**Jill Ebbert** - October 18, 2016 at 03:48 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire VonEssen family. Henry was a very devout gentleman. I remember so well the day I got to spend with him and Fr. Severin on the occasion of Fr. Severin's 25th Jubilee. He was a laughing, loving man and I know he will be missed by many.

Rest in Peace Henry. You had a life well lived and a family who loved you. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know you, even a little, immediately saw the great man you were.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let Thy perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Judy Davis-Fuller

Judy Davis-Fuller - October 18, 2016 at 01:31 PM

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“ Judy Davis-Fuller lit a candle in memory of Henry A. Von Essen



Judy Davis-Fuller - October 18, 2016 at 01:23 PM

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“ May God be with you and your family during this time.

Nannie and Olivia Alldredge



Nannie Phillips Alldredge - October 18, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ Henry was a very Godly man, who shared his faith with all he knew. I met him through my daughter, Debra Boone ,who helped take care of him. We have so much respect for him, and ask God to bless his family daily.

I was blessed to have dinner with him one evening, Debra, and Teresa Hermsdorfer, prepared the meal for us, and his son Larry stopped by and played the accordion and sang for us. It was a special night to remember. He was a very loving, kind man who I am glad I got to know. I pray for his family that they will remember their wonderful father that loved them all dearly and all the good memories they shared with him. He is at rest now, as we celebrate his life. He will be missed by many people who knew him.

**Carolyn Schroder** - October 18, 2016 at 12:16 PM

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“ Henry loved talking about His Father in Heaven. He could spend hours talking about the bible, his own relationship with Him, reading God's word or praying. He loved his family, and friends too, encouraging loved ones with their daily struggles.

Only caring for Henry a few weeks, I learned the above things mentioned. Other acquaintances thought highly of Henry as I do. Keautta Thomas

**Keautta Thomas** - October 17, 2016 at 07:02 PM

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“ Debra Boone lit a candle in memory of Henry A. Von Essen



**Debra Boone** - October 17, 2016 at 06:06 PM

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“ Henry was a very special person, he shared his faith with everyone through his everyday life. We prayed together each morning before breakfast. He was surrounded by the love of his family, he loved them all. I enjoyed helping to tend to his needs these past years, he will be a part of my everyday life from the memories that are so special. I will miss him but he is at rest now, my prayers are for all who love him to find comfort from God above. God bless you all for we have all been blessed by Henry's life among us.

