



## Lester Hartley

March 20, 1922 - December 28, 2018

INDIANAPOLIS – Lester C. Hartley, age 96, of Indianapolis, formerly of Greenfield, passed away Friday, December 28, 2018 at his home. He was born in Beech Grove on March 20, 1922 to Charles Hartley and Martha E. (Belt) Hartley. He graduated from Westland High School in 1940 and attended Diesel Engine School in the Navy. He enlisted in the Navy in the fall of 1940 and found himself in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 at the age of 19 years. He served until 1946, then went on to serve in the active naval reserve for 21 years. He married Lucille (Lutes) Hartley on March 2, 1946 in Oakland, CA.

He worked for Allison Transmission for 34 years before retiring in 1980. Mr. Hartley was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and served as secretary and president for many years. He was also a member of the Philadelphia United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lucille; daughter, Carolyn Hartley Awishes of Cumberland; grandchildren, Natalie (Keith) Hartman of Indianapolis and Tony (Shelby) Awishes of Noblesville; and 6 great-grandchildren, Alexis, Jacob, Jacqueline, Connor, Caden, and Cameron. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Richard, Everett, Russell and Charles Hartley; and sisters Thelma Watson and Jocelyn Hartley.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will take place immediately following the visitation at 12:00 p.m. Reverend John Eley will be officiating. Entombment will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Philadelphia United Methodist Church, 2265 W US Hwy 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at <http://www.erleweinmortuary.com>.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Washington Park East**  
10612 E Washington St  
Indianapolis, IN, 46229

**JAN**

**Visitation**

10:00AM - 12:00PM

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

**JAN**

**Funeral Service**

12:00PM

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

# Comments

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“ It was Indy Metropolitan Military Honor Guard’s (IMMHG) distinct honor to be part of the service for Lester’s funeral service at Washington Park East on January 2, 2019. Your donation to the IMMHG team is gratefully appreciated and will further the work that we do throughout the year to honor our fallen Comrades in Arms. Please accept our sincerest condolences.

Walt Sherman,  
Commander

Walt Sherman - January 07, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ Carolyn, I am so very sorry for the loss of your father and prayers for comfort, in this time of sorrow, for you and all of your family. You spoke of your parents often in all the years that I have known you, and always in glowing terms about them. He will be greatly missed by his family; but, his suffering is over and he is with God. You and your family will be a great comfort to your mother, as she deals with the loss of her dearly beloved husband. Prayers for all of the family.



Carla Alcorn - January 02, 2019 at 11:38 AM

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“ Carolyn and Lucille, you are both in my thoughts n prayers tonight as I just learned of Uncle Carols passing. May you find comfort he is sailing with the wind beneath him. I will ever be thankful of his sharing the family history with me and the photos of Great Grandma he sent me. I hope you rest in peace Uncle Carol.



Cheryl Ann Hartley - December 31, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ Sorry to hear that Uncle Carol has passed away but we all know he lived his life to the fullest and we have fond memories of our visits with he and Aunt Lucille. We are especially glad we got to see them in September when we were visiting back in Indiana. May you find comfort in knowing that he is in a much better place than those of us left behind. Sorry we will not be able to attend the services but our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Jerry & Mary Lou Hartley Sun City West AZ

**Jerry & Mary Lou Hartley** - December 31, 2018 at 02:25 PM

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“ Lester,  
Rest Your Oars.  
May God Give Comfort and Peace to Lucille and Your Family.  
Your WW2 US.Navy Friend & Neighbor  
Ken and Linda Rash

**Paul "Ken" and Linda Rash** - December 30, 2018 at 07:05 PM

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“ Carolyn, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. It is hard especially at this time of the year. Lost both my parents last year at this time. Thinking about you.  
Marcia Hendryx Parker

**Marcia Parker** - December 29, 2018 at 11:29 PM