



JEROME PHILIP TENNIES SR.

September 20, 1924 - November 22, 2015

Jerome Philip Tennies Sr., beloved father, passed away peacefully at his residence in Grass Valley on Nov. 22, 2015.

He was born in Harford, Wisconsin, Sept. 20, 1924 to Joseph and Alice Tennies on the family farm.

Jerome only completed the 8th grade because he was needed to help on the family farm. He also worked at various farms to help out the family. After hearing of the bombing of Pearl Harbor he joined the Army and headed for Europe. His impressive anti-aircraft skills earned him an assignment with the Air Force to guard the base from incoming aerial threats. Changes in the war found him landing on Omaha Beach a month after D-Day and was transferred to the Army. Jerry participated in the Battle of the Bulge and was in Belgium when the war ended.

He married the love of his life, Vivian Brown, on Nov. 19, 1949, who had a son. In 1962 he packed up the family and moved west to Southern California. He worked as a carpenter, and owned a bakery and a mobile brake service. In April 1976 they bought the Rough and Ready Country Store and moved north. They sold it in 1984 and retired to their family-built home on Bitney Springs Road.

He is survived by his children, Jeanne Christenson of Smartsville, California; his sons, Jerome Tennies Jr. of Grass Valley, Thomas Tennies of Penn Valley, Charles Tennies of San Jose, California; his sisters, Murella Christenson, Betty Peplinski, Mary McCrackin; his brother Franklin Tennies; his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vivian; his step-son Richard Baumdicker; and grandsons Timothy Baumdicker and Andrew Tennies.

Visitation will be available from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at Chapel of the Angels Mortuary. A rosary service will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at St. Canice Catholic Church in Nevada City. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 5 at St. Canice Catholic Church followed by a graveside ceremony at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Grass Valley. A time for gathering will be held at 4 p.m. at the Calvary Bible Church reception hall in Grass Valley.

He will be remembered by his strength and courage, as well as the love for his country and his family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Angels Mortuary & Crematory
250 Race Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945
(530) 273-2446
info@chapeloftheangels.com

ROSARY

DEC 4. 6:00 PM (PT)

ST. CANICE CHURCH
317 WASHINGTON STREET
NEVADA CITY, CA

MASS

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (PT)

ST. CANICE CHURCH
317 WASHINGTON STREET
NEVADA CITY, CA

GRAVESIDE

DEC 5. 3:00 PM (PT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery
Rough and Ready Highway
GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945

Tribute Wall

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“ I will surely miss my Dear Uncle Jerry. He was a very special Uncle and I really enjoyed the time I spent with him in Rough & Ready. He always had some special stories to tell and was very proud to be a Veteran. I know he is smiling down on us. I will cherish the memories in my heart.

His Niece Teresa

Teresa McCrackin - December 04, 2015 at 01:01 PM

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“ Dad was one of the most Patriotic Americans I have ever known. He loved his country and was very proud of the time he served in the Air Force and Army during WWII. The last 11 years of his life he lived in an assisted living care home and always made sure he or someone else put up the flag everyday and did so exactly as protocol required. I will miss the only true Dad I ever had. His Daughter-in-Law, Vanessa



Vanessa Laidley-Tennies - December 02, 2015 at 11:18 PM