



Conrad A. Mertely

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Conrad Mertely passed away on January 8, 2021 at the age of 97 at Lakeland Regional Hospital, Lakeland, FL. He was born on May 4, 1923 in Eveleth Minnesota to Andrew and Anna (Longar) Mertely. He attended the Eveleth school system followed by Junior College.

After graduation he worked in a variety of jobs, including a roofing factory, Curtis Candy Company, Montgomery Wards, and as a welder for ship fabrication. In 1943 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a weather observer at Camp Blueberry in northern British Columbia. When he left the Air Force in 1946, he went to the University of Minnesota, Duluth and graduated with a degree in business and education. After graduation he took a job teaching business classes in Butterfield, Minnesota. Next, he took a job as county assessor for St Louis County and subsequently served as county clerk and registrar. During the summers, he worked in the iron ore mines as a welder and heavy truck driver. Conrad was hired as an accountant for the Pittsburg Pacific group of companies and worked at the company for 33 years. He also served as Secretary of the Pacific Foundation, a foundation established for distributing charitable contributions.

On August 5, 1950, he married Ann M (Krivich) Mertely. In 2003 they pulled up stakes from northern Minnesota for the warmer climate of Central Florida. Conrad and Ann were married for 61 years until Ann passed away in 2011. Conrad is survived by his 4 children, James (Maria), Bonnie, Daniel (Errin), Michael (Melissa) and 5 grandchildren, Brian, Melissa (Tyler), Paige, Kira and Tara. His last surviving sibling is his brother Charlie in Montello, WI.

Conrad was a longstanding member of Resurrection Catholic Church in Eveleth and St. Joseph's in Gilbert, Minnesota. He was also a member of the Eveleth Senior Citizen's Club. After moving to Lakeland he and Ann became members of St. Joseph Catholic church locally. He was one of the last of the Greatest Generation. He



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believed in God and Country, family and hard work. He was an amazing father and friend to many. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

A memorial service will be held at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home (Bartow Road) in Lakeland on January 19, 2021 at 10 am, followed by interment at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida at 1:30 pm.



Events

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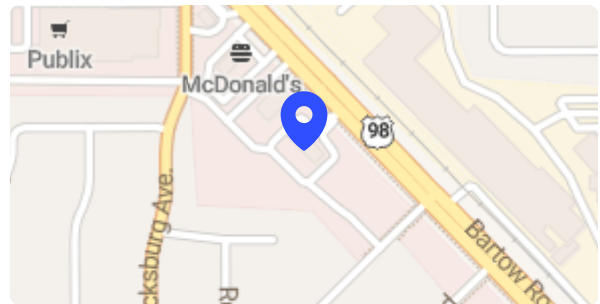
Visitation

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ET

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



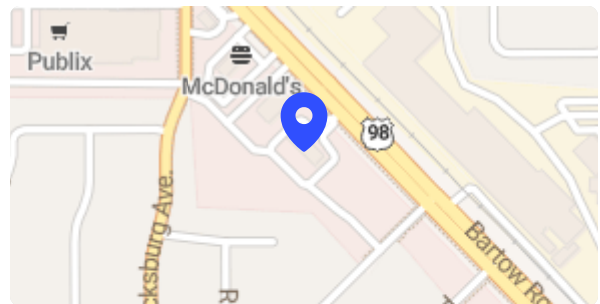
Funeral Service

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

10:00 AM ET

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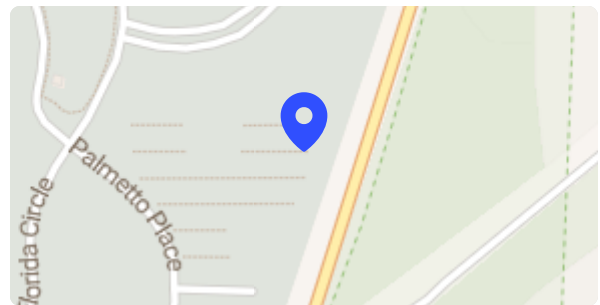
Graveside with Military Honors

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

1:30 PM ET

Florida National Cemetery

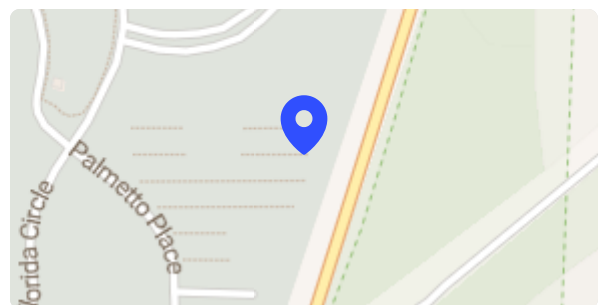
6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell FL 33513



Cemetery Details

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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 19 at 3:41 AM



Connie Mitchell posted:

Thinking of all of you during this hard time and remembering all of the wonderful adventures we spent together. So many summers at the farm, dinners together and nights I spent at your place. In later years my kids have special memories of Uncle Connie & Aunt Ann coming over for Holiday dinners. Such special times! I'm so thankful that Cathy and I were able to visit with him and see that beautiful smile before he became ill. My heart is full though sad. Hugs & prayers, all my love, Connie

January 19 at 5:57 AM



Keith Saralampi posted:

Merpt will always be with us in our yard in Toivola. He started us out the purple iris bulbs 45 years ago and now there are what we call Purple Meets all over our yard. What a great friend we will miss him always..Keith and Linda Saralampi

January 18 at 3:34 PM



Cathy Anderson posted:

Thinking of all of you during this time. I know how tough it is. I still think about calling my dad.....
Wow, what a long wonderful life. The Mertely's have longevity in their blood, that is for sure. I remember all the Sunday's we spent at your house. I loved going there and doing all the fun things you got to do in the country. I always wanted to live on a farm with six kids, glad that didn't happen. Four is certainly enough. I remember going to Pitt Pac and visiting your dad at work. Catching a ride to Gramma's or your house, or him bringing me home after a visit. I am glad that Connie and I visited with Uncle Connie and Bonnie just weeks ago. He looked so great, way younger than his 97 years. I am sure he is busy talking stocks with my dad or something financial.Hugs and prayers to all of you, love, Cathy

January 18 at 2:13 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Mertely family.



January 16 at 8:13 AM



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