



## R. Earl Grossmann

December 18, 1931 - May 12, 2018

R. Earl Grossmann, 86

Mulberry – Mr. R. Earl Grossmann passed away Saturday, May 12, 2018 due to complications from cancer. Earl was born on December 18, 1931 in Belleville, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy M. Grossmann; son, William Grossmann and parents, A.O. and Mildred Grossmann.

Earl is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nancy B. Grossmann of Mulberry; sons, Dean Grossmann (Joan) of Hayward, WI, Steven Grossmann (Cheryl) of LaGrange, IL; sister, Ellen C. Gregory of Edmond, OK; step children, Mark (Mary), Karen (Bill), Kimberly (Mark); 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

He is a retired agribusiness executive, having served on a number of corporate boards of directors and their executive committees. Earl also served on the boards of several health care institutions.

Earl was a graduate of the University of Illinois with a master's degree. He was also a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, May 19, 2018, 11:00 am at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Dr. Lakeland, FL 33810. Interment will follow in Serenity Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations honoring Earl may be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice, 3450 Lakeland Hills Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33805. Condolences to the family may be offered at [www.gentry-morrison.com](http://www.gentry-morrison.com)

# Events

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**MAY** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel  
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, FL, US, 33810

# Comments

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“ Dear Nancy, Dean, Steve, Mark, Karen and Kim (and family),  
My deepest sympathies to all of you. Earl was Mr. Grossmann to me...I think until the Rose Bowl! He was always so kind, thoughtful, interesting and steady. I recall his patience in teaching us to water ski (or attempting to!), the strawberry patch that he guided Dad in planting, the delicious fish he prepared, the gifting of sweet Suzie to our family, the Illini games and tailgates and many more memories. How fortunate I feel to have had Earl and your entire family in my life. My parents loved you all and felt grateful to have such loyal and caring friends. May God's grace provide comfort to you...until you meet again.  
Love,  
Mary and Bob Earl

Mary Earl - May 19, 2018 at 01:31 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the rest of the Grossmann family as we will all miss Earl. I was so fortunate to have Earl in my life as I was starting my career with GROWMARK. It was a company that expected you to do business in an ethical manner. Earl led the way in this regard. He had integrity and a straight forward way of getting things done. You were always supported to never compromise your principles.  
Beyond that, Earl was just a great person. He was easy going and fun to be around. His family has lost a great father figure but he has paved the way to a wonderful future for all of us. He will live on in our memories. I know God is a fisherman. The Bible tells us that. So I know Earl is feeling right at home.  
Steve Barwick

Steve Barwick - May 18, 2018 at 02:40 PM

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“ I was very sorry to hear about Earl's passing. We have always remembered the Grossmans fondly over the years. I have a clear memory of his wife Dorothy who would visit with my mother when I was a toddler and she would pick me up and hold me, she was so good with children and I liked her. Years later I found a nice letter Dorothy wrote to my mom that she saved. I also remember Bill, he was on my brother's baseball team and was at our house often. Blessings to all of you.  
Sincerely, Ted N.

Ted - May 18, 2018 at 02:02 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and all of Earl's family members. Earl had a 60 year friendship with Dwayne having met in 1958 in Amboy, IL. Fishing trips, family vacations, and Illini sports were times we will cherish forever. In recent years Earl's letters to Dwayne have been very uplifting and have given dad cause to smile through his diminished memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Alex, Mark, & Dwayne Martin

Alex Martin - May 17, 2018 at 04:39 PM

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“ To the family of Earl...please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss. I always enjoyed meeting and talking with Earl...he was just a nice person. So sad to hear of his passing.

Ed and Sandy Schloz, retired General Manager of St Clair Service Co., Belleville, Illinois.

Ed & Sandy Schloz - May 17, 2018 at 03:16 PM

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“ To Nancy and Family, we have such great memories of Earl, from the fish fry in the back yard ( which was the best ever) to University of Illinois football tailgating, to our trip to the Rose Bowl, and our wedding in California, Earl was always there with a positive outlook and that beautiful smile he had! We will miss that, but will cherish all of the memories in our heart! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and wishing you comfort in knowing that Earl was loved by so many! He is fishing in the greatest ponds now, and enjoying a job with his friends in heaven! He will be missed.....

John & Judy Sutton

John P Sutton - May 17, 2018 at 12:39 PM