



Arno H Streit

March 30, 1927 - April 1, 2021

Princeton - Arno Helmut Streit, 94, passed away at his home on Thursday, April 1, 2021 surrounded by his loved ones. He passed away from a non covid related illness.

Arno was born in East Prussia, Germany to the late Arthur and Minna (Parakenings) Streit on March 30, 1927. He attended and graduated from high school in Germany. He was a German Paratrooper in World War II. He worked as a farmer in Germany, where he met the love of his life while working the fields. Irmgard "Irma" Pick was walking by and saw Arno holding a kitten and they began their courtship, a courtship that handholding was a must for Arno. They married on December 12, 1953 in Lelm, Germany.

He responded to an ad for a job in the United States. The ad was placed by a local Princeton farmer, Paul Miller, who had run the ad in the German News Paper because he needed a farmhand that spoke German. Arno filled out his application, with the assistance of the church, Paul Miller sponsored Arno and brought him to Princeton, IL. May of 1952 via Ship. Arno and Irma corresponded while he worked the fields. He returned to Germany to marry her in 1953. Paul Miller also sponsored Irma, she arrived at Midway Airport in August of 1954. Reunited with his love, soon after, Irma gave birth to the first of their three children.

He continued being a farmer after Pauls passing as he was given an opportunity to purchase some farmland next to Pauls farm. He also worked at LTV Steel Mill in Hennepin, IL. He was a crane operator, never calling in sick and worked 72 hours one week. He retired after 24 years of service.

Arno loved vacationing and cruising with his family. He especially loved being outdoors, he would sit outside and watch the animals or read the paper. He could sit for hours and read. He loved to dance with his bride every chance he got. He also liked slow rides around the country side, he wanted to see the fields. He was a participant in the World War II Reenactment held annually in Rockford, IL for many years. People would look for him year after year to either say hello and catch up or get a picture with a real German Paratrooper. He was very supportive of his family and their hobbies, to include raising Alpacas, as well as winding yarn from the Alpaca fleece. He loved all animals and was kind to one and all. He was a gentle, caring man who left an impression on everyone he met.

Surviving Arno is his bride of 67 years, Irma of Princeton, IL; three children Doris Streit of Princeton, IL, Ingrid Streit of Bettendorf, IA and Harold (Brenda) Streit of Princeton, IL; one brother, Werner (Erne) Streit of Schweskaw, Germany; one sister Marianne (Gert) Hartmann of Witten, Germany.

Preceded by his parents, Arthur and Minna Streit and two brothers, Gunter Streit and Erwin Streit.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family for charitable distribution.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments, In Princeton, IL. from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Services for Arno will be on Friday, April 9, 2021 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Princeton, IL. at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Pastor Scott Schmidt. Followed by graveside services at the Mason Cemetery in Princeton, IL.

Online memorials and condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Graveside Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Mason Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello, I'm writing on behalf of the family of Bob Richards. I only met Arno once at a reenactment, but I heard about him many times from Bob. It was very powerful for Bob, who had become a pacifist over the years, to befriend an "enemy" soldier. I want to let you know that Bob died peacefully on June 15th. There is no memorial planned yet, but his son Alan has mislaid your contact info. and would like to let you know of his death. You can reach out to me with your contact info which I'll pass to Alan. sarah.simmons773@gmail.com

Sarah Simmons - June 16, 2022 at 10:42 PM

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“ RIP Arno, When I think of the times we visited with one another I consider them valued memories. You didn't talk much about Germany but the few times that you did left a huge impression on me. I was in my young 20's at the time and to see and hear about it through your eyes was a whole different story than I had been taught in school. Thank you for being the man you were. The world will be a darker place without you in it. Thank you for the memories

Don Wooden

Donald Wooden - April 23, 2021 at 07:25 PM

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“ My heartfelt sympathies go out to the Arno Streit family. For a time in my life they were my family also. How can I ever forget their generosity in allowing me to travel with them to Germany and meet all their wonderful relatives there, even if Doris, Ingrid, Harold and I were "verloren kinder" on the wrong train! You are all very fortunate to have had him in your life for all these years. Take care of each other.

Pat Farrell Edwards

Pat Farrell Edwards - April 19, 2021 at 03:44 PM

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“ Sending Arno's family my deepest sympathies. While working at the bank in Cherry I always looked forward to serving him and his family....the salt of the earth! What a kind soul he was. May God bless him and his beautiful family

Judie Hahn - April 09, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Arno H Streit.



April 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM