



Melvin D Kersting

September 12, 1932 - January 22, 2026

Melvin D. Kersting, fondly called Mel, joined his beloved brother, Chuck, in heaven on January 22, 2026, in Peru, IN. He was born to Charles and Alma (Kirsch) Kersting on September 12, 1932, in South Bend, Indiana. Melvin resided at the family homestead in North Judson most of his life, where he and his brother owned and managed Kersting Saw Mill and Pallet Company. Mel was an incredibly hardworking man who loved his family and the outdoors. He was the first quarterback on the North Judson High School football team and a skilled marksman who enjoyed trap shooting at Oakwood Gun Club.

Mel proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1954 until 1961. He enjoyed retelling how he was enroute to serve as a forward observer in Korea when a shortage of mechanics led to his reassignment in Europe.

An active member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mel was a generous benefactor to the church and school.

In the last months of his long life, Mel was lovingly attended to by the staff at Blair Ridge Assisted Living in Peru and Gentiva Hospice.

Services will be held at O'Donnell Funeral Home on Thursday, January 29.

Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. CT and the funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at Highland Cemetery in North Judson.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

SR 10
North Judson, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My Friend Ike, tho we had not met before “Mel” came to Blair Ridge you were a special gift to him & always there for him. He & I both shared the same nickname &took a liking to one another when he first moved in across from Barb Vincent who I cared for 3 yrs & just passed on January 9th too. He was kind to everyone he came in contact with his contagious smile. Thank-You & Family for sharing a part of his life at Blair Ridge with us. God Bless & Peace Be With You. Hope to see you next week at The Ridge. Melinda Ross “Mel”. Peru,In



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