



## Porter Eckerty Jr.

May 24, 1926 - July 31, 2013

Porter Eckerty Jr., 87, of New Castle, died Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at Glen Oaks Senior Living at Forest Ridge following a brief illness.

He was born May 24, 1926 in Eckerty, Indiana, a son of the late Porter Eckerty Sr. and Laura (Ash) Eckerty.

Porter worked for Marsh Supermarkets for 31 years, starting as a grocery sacker and finishing his career as a Vice-President of Operations. On February 28, 1948 he married the love of his life, Vivian G. Bennett, and together they enjoyed 62 years of marriage. He had been a member of First United Methodist Church since 1962. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a member of the VFW in Eckerty and a long-time member of the Eckerty Lodge No. 719 F&AM. He loved to golf and fish and enjoyed annual fishing trips to Canada. Upon retirement he volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by two sons, Doug (wife: Rhonda) Eckerty of Yorktown and Jim Eckerty of New Castle; two grandchildren, Kevin (wife: Lisa) Eckerty of Muncie and Leslie Eckerty of Anderson; one great-grandson, Jayden; a brother, Reese Eckerty of Clarksville; a sister, Lucille Garland of Evansville and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian G. (Bennett) Eckerty and a brother, "Pete" Lester Eckerty.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2013 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Tom McGilliard officiating. Burial will follow

in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition with military honors provided by contingents from the U.S. Air Force, VFW and American Legion.

Friends may call from 2 – 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. A Masonic Memorial Service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 1324 Church St., New Castle, Indiana, 47362. You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Porter Eckerty Jr.

# Tribute Wall

FT

“ Dear Doug and family,  
My prayers and thoughts are with you all. So sorry.

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**Fran Tucker** - August 04, 2013 at 09:09 PM

MP

“ doug, just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers

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**mida sorrell penticuff** - August 04, 2013 at 05:25 PM

BA

“ The greatest of neighbors. The Smith and Eckerty family, shared many growing up times together in Raintree Heights. I will always cherish these times. A wonderful man. Doug and Jim you had a great father. Barbara

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**Barbara Smith Ashley** - August 04, 2013 at 02:45 PM

MT

“ My sympathy to the Eckerty family, I am the daughter of Howard and Deloris Ash, my grandmother was Ethel Ash. I just happen to be looking at the obituaries for Indianapolis because a friend's mother passed away this week. That is when I saw the ob. for Porter. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw a member of my own family there. My prayers are with you during this time. My Dad has been gone 5 years now and my Mom 4 years, I still miss them greatly but time does heal the emptiness. Margaret Trees

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**Margaret Ash Trees** - August 02, 2013 at 09:57 PM

DR

“ I fondly remember Mr. & Mrs. Eckerty from working downtown @ Beall's Clothing Store. They were both very nice and personable. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.

Donna Ragan - August 01, 2013 at 08:28 PM

BK

“ The Kendalls send you peaceful wishes knowing your Dad is in Heaven. My folks always thought the highest of your mom & Dad.

Brad Kendall - August 01, 2013 at 07:28 PM

CH

“ Dear Doug, I am saddened to read of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Sincerely, Cindy (Disney)Hayes (Formerly of Annie's Arbor Flowers)

Cindy Disney Hayes - August 01, 2013 at 06:26 PM

DR

“ Keeping the Eckerty family in our thoughts and prayers. Porter was so much a part of our Marsh Supermarket family. We will all miss him.

Regards, Debbie Richcreek

Debbie Richcreek - July 31, 2013 at 04:16 PM

SS

“ Sorry to learn of your loss and extending our prayers. Sharon Stoten

Sharon Stoten - July 31, 2013 at 03:10 PM