



Merle Russell Coover

August 13, 1931 - May 23, 2021

Merle, age 89, went to his heavenly home on Sunday, May 23, 2021. He was a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, and a recent resident of Tickfaw, Louisiana. Merle was a skilled craftsman who worked for over 40 years as a talented Pattern maker, and at home he would design and build wonderful creations such as airplane and ship models as well as household furniture. Merle always put his family first and is remembered for his loving kindness and as a very involved father. He attended every one of his kids ballgames, and/or special events. Outdoors was his favorite place to be; from sailing, hunting fishing, playing horseshoes, golfing, to coaching baseball. Fond family memories with Merle consist of picnics, family vacations, and adventurous roller skating lessons. He and Lois loved their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and on Sundays they both could be found singing praises to Him at their local church. Merle was an avid reader who would devour history books as fast as he could get his hands on them. He also enjoyed watching historical war movies along with the old-fashioned western cowboy movies. Merle was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Merle is survived by his daughter, Lauren Coover Sprowls (Rex); sons, Russell Coover (Eva), and Brian Coover (Nikki); sister, Joyce DuBay; grandchildren, Michelle Davidson (Max), Michael Sprowls (Amanda), Jessica Hawse (Josh), Simone Bailey (Mathew), Andrew Coover (Alexis), Jackie, and

Samy; great-grandchildren, Madison, Nathan, Lorianne, Shayna & Carter, Amia, Elias, Rayland, and Tatum; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Merle is preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Lois Coover; parents, Glen and Anna Coover.

A private family gathering honoring and celebrating Merle's life will be held this Friday, May 28, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations please be made to: Bethel Christian School, 1781 West 38th Street, Erie, PA. 16508. Thank You

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“ *Loved that my Dad would stop on his way home from work when we went rollerskating once a moth from school . He didn't just come to pick us up, he rented skates too and skated and taught me how to skate until it was time to go home! He and Mom always supported our sports and watched piano recitals. And it the great family vacations with battlefields mixed in!!!
Glad you and Mom are reunited in heaven with our Lord!!! Missed here on earth!!!*

Lauren Sprowls - May 26, 2021 at 08:51 PM