



## Mearl F. Maynard

February 9, 1926 - January 14, 2021

Mearl F. Maynard, 94, of Burlington passed away Thursday morning, Jan. 14, 2021, at Fox River Rehab in Elgin.

He was born Feb. 9, 1926, in Denison, Iowa the son of William and Mamye (Slagel) Maynard. Mearl moved to the Hampshire area in 1940 and married Margorie A. Hansen at the Trinity Lutheran Church in DeKalb on Dec. 8, 1949.

Mearl was a longtime farmer in the Burlington and Hampshire areas. He had been a volunteer firefighter with the Burlington Fire District for 35 years. He had also been a past president of the School Board in District 301 which he served for 12 years and had served as Director of School Grounds for 14 years. Mearl was a founder of the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club, a longtime member of the Zion United Methodist Church, and a loyal Mason. He always had a smile on his face and was always willing to lend a helping hand and loved to laugh.

Surviving is his sister, Beverly (the late Charles) Nichols; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and great friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his beloved, Marjorie on Sept. 11, 2020; son, Roger in 1989; daughter, Valerie in 2008; siblings, Barbara Paterson, Harold, Earl, Leonard, & Carl Maynard, Leola Pedersen, Maxine

Maynard, and Marie in infancy.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Fox River Rehab and Unity Hospice for their exceptional care.

Public visitation will be from 9:30 to 12 Noon with a Fire Dept. walkthrough at 10 AM on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Zion United Methodist Church, 157 W. Jefferson Ave., Hampshire. Masks and Social Distancing will be enforced.

Private Funeral Services will follow at 12:15 and Burial will be in the Burlington Twp. Union Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life for both Mearl and Marjorie will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather.

Memorial Contributions in Mearl's name to the Burlington Fire Department or the Northern Steam Power Club.

# Cemetery Details

## Burlington Twp. Union Cemetery

McGough and Peplow rd  
Burlington, IL 60109

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion United Methodist Church  
157 W. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Mr. Merle Maynard truly was a great guy, always had a friendly smile and a kind word. Everyone enjoyed talking with him, especially at the Burlington 66 gas station. He was generous with his time and always willing to lend a helping hand. He even loaned us the use of his trailer & truck to move from our apartment to our first house. One could not have a better friend and he was a friend to everyone. We will always remember him. May he rest in peace in the company of his loved ones who went before him.*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Dave Beckman (formerly from Burlington)*

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**David L. Beckman** - January 21, 2021 at 01:29 AM

RN

“ *Mearl & Marg were long-time members of my cardiac support group at St. Joe's, which I led. It was an honor to get to know them over the years. They were the salt of the earth & faithful Christians. I always enjoyed the deep well of stories that he shared. He was a treasure. I will miss them both dearly. May the Lord grant them eternal peace. ~ Pastor Martha Nelson*

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**Rev. Martha Uecker Nelson** - January 18, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JS

“ *Mearl was a beloved member of the District 301 family and the Burlington community. His was a life well lived.*

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**Jill Schmidt** - January 17, 2021 at 10:18 AM

LI

“ *Merl was a terrific person to work with. My sympathy to all his family and friends.*

*Linda Chapman*

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**Linda** - January 16, 2021 at 02:45 PM

SK

“ *Mearl was a great friend to the Harold Jones family. He served God and his community in a beautiful way. God rest his soul.*

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**Sandy Konecny** - January 16, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *I graduated with Val. Mr. & Mrs. Maynard were always so nice to us!*



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**Mary Bergman** - January 16, 2021 at 11:13 AM

KG

“ *My sympathies to all the many people that had the honor of knowing Mearl...cannot help but think of his heavenly reunion.*



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**Kathryn S Gorenz** - January 16, 2021 at 10:51 AM