



Earle F. Poppenger

July 17, 1937 - April 20, 2025

Earle Frederick Poppenger, 87, of Sterling Heights, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2025, in Florida. Born on July 17, 1937, in Detroit, Earle graduated from Denby High School in 1955. Soon after, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, completing basic training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas and serving six years in the Army Reserves. At 19, he began a forty-year career at Sears. On October 22, 1960, Earle married Lois Smith of Windsor, Ontario. The couple lived in Canada for two years before settling in Sterling Heights, Michigan where they raised their family. A lifelong fan of the Detroit Lions and Tigers, Earle rarely missed a game on television. In retirement, he enjoyed winters at Piney Point in Palmetto, Florida, spending his days relaxing and enjoying the camaraderie of the community. He was rarely seen without a word search puzzle and pen in hand - a quiet reflection of his steady, thoughtful nature. Earle was predeceased by his parents, Earle and Lila; his brother, Jim; his sister, Mary Jane Huskin; and his grandson, Michael Price. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Lois; his daughters, Arlene Price and Lynn Poppenger; his son-in-law, Russell Price; and his grandson, Scott Price. Earle's Celebration of Life will take place at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, MI 48317 on Tuesday (May 20th) from 3pm - 8pm. Memorial gathering will continue the following day Wednesday (May 21st) at St. Matthias Catholic Church, 12311 19 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, at 10:30am until the time of Memorial Mass at 11am. Inurnment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Twp.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 20. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Memorial Visitation

MAY 21. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Memorial Mass

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
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Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Tribute Wall

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“ Loy Crawford purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Earle F. Poppenger.



Loy Crawford - May 19, 2025 at 09:02 AM

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“ The Jamieson Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Earle F. Poppenger.



The Jamieson Family - May 16, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ The Jamieson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earle F. Poppenger.

The Jamieson Family - May 16, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the Poppenger family. Besides babysitting for Arlene and Lynn, Earle got me my first cosmetics job at Sears, over 50 years ago. This ended up being my career and I will never forget him for this opportunity. Such a wonderful man that will be dearly missed. So sorry for this devastating loss. Love you all
💔💔 Gloria Salvio

Gloria Salvio - May 13, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earle F. Poppenger.*



May 13, 2025 at 04:08 PM