



Estil Gay

December 7, 1926 - August 20, 2022

Estil Gay age 95 of Hamilton, Ohio formerly of Albia, Iowa, passed away Saturday August 20, 2022

surrounded by his loved ones, under the care of Hospice. Estil was born December 7, 1926 in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Gerald and Vonnetta Gay. He was the second of 3 children. He grew up in Oskaloosa area and Monroe County near Albia. He attended Moravia High School where he met Boneita McDanel and they were united in marriage May 12, 1946 and had two children Sharon and Earl. They were married 76 years.

Estil farmed his farm and done custom farming for others in the Albia area until retiring in October of 2001 after 54 years of farming. When grandchildren were smaller enjoyed taking them each year on vacation to the Ozarks. They also enjoyed traveling in their motor home and spending winters in Laughlin, Nevada. He and wife Boneita move into town, not loving living in town, his love was for farming and his cattle that would always come meet him every-time they heard him coming to the pasture. While living in town, missing farm life he would appear at Paul Ammon's farm to help him after awhile Paul told him if he going to continue coming to help, I've got have to pay you, Estils reply was how about 5.00 hr., Paul response was you're worth 3 times that you're the best hired hand I've got not to say how much you've taught me, Estils reply was you pay me the 5.00 and put the rest in the offering plate on Sunday. A deal was made. That was the type of person Estil was always ready to help someone. In 2009 they moved to Ohio to be near daughter and

grandchildren. Estil was a member of the Masonic Temple in Moravia, Iowa. Member of Farm Bureau and received farming awards through the years. Helped with 4-H clubs in Monroe Co. He was a member of the Christian Church in Albia. Estil is survived by his wife Boneita, a sister May Childs of Arizona, his daughter Sharon (Jim) Knapp of Hamilton, Oh. and three grandchildren, Stacy(Heidi) Chidester of Hamilton, Oh., Lori (Marc) Watson of Union, Ky., Carrie(Todd) MacLean of Kansas City, Mo. ; 7 grandchildren Grace Watson, Oliver Watson, Eleanor Watson, Shelby Chidester, Parker Day, Matthew Schwartz, Jacob Schwartz. Estil was preceded in death by his parent, a sister Ella Rogers and a son Earl Gay. A service will be held at the Weigel Funeral Home Saturday August 27, 2022 at 10 a.m. in Hamilton, Ohio. A memorial service will also be held at a future date at the Moravia Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Estil Gay.



August 26, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estil Gay.



August 25, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ Herb and Monica Blackburn purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Estil Gay.



Herb and Monica Blackburn - August 25, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estil Gay.



August 24, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Estil Gay.



August 23, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Estil Gay.



August 23, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Estil Gay.



August 22, 2022 at 09:39 PM

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“ On the day that our sister Ella died, I was age 8, Estil was 15. Estil was left at home all that day as my baby sitter. He took me out to the corn crib and put a long board across some boards in the crib door. He made a seesaw and he entertained me for hours. Estil had worked in the field since the age of 10, so this was the 1st time I remember spending time with him having fun.

One of my jobs as a small child was gathering eggs. Estil scared me by saying snakes love to curl up under the warm hens. More than once I ran screaming to the house as was sure I felt a snake. A spanking from my mother finally cured my fright. Another time in winter, Estil dared me to stick my tongue on the pump handle. Everyone our age can imagine how that turned out.

In later years we were able to attend several family reunions together

H. May Gay Roberts-Childs - August 22, 2022 at 08:46 PM