



## Gerald Thomas Costliow

August 8, 1925 - December 21, 2014

Gerald T. Costliow, age 89, of Dixon, died Sunday, December 21, 2014, at Kishwaukee Community Hospital in DeKalb. He was born August 8, 1925, in Chester, Illinois, the son of Thomas and Melba (Eggers) Costliow.

He attended St. Mary's College in Kentucky.

He was a pharmaceutical salesman. He owned Carry Flowers and Greenhouse and was a clerk at Northwestern Steel and Wire in Sterling prior to his retirement in 1988.

He was a Veteran of the Navy during World War II where he served in submarine service. His submarine survived an attack by a kamikaze plane during a successful war patrol to rescue downed pilots.

He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include 2 sons Jerome (Linda) Costliow of Dixon, Jonathan (Colleen) Costliow of DeKalb; 3 daughters Theresa (Dr. Greg) Selgestad of Lanark, Elizabeth (Michael) Sutherland of Florida, and Angela (Chris) Tennyson of Dixon; 12 grandchildren Amy (Jimmy) McKinney, Zachary, Lindsey, and Jacob Costliow, Nicole (Ray) Byrne, Lauren (Arturo) Sutherland-Arreola, Danielle Sutherland, Luke (Katheryn) Sutherland, Tanner, Spencer, Dexter, and Nichole Hill. ; 8 great-grandchildren Charlie, Sophie, and Chloe Byrne, Keegan, Mercedes, and Bentley Sutherland-Arreola, Mason Sutherland, and Ethan McKinney.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 26, 2014, at 7:00

PM in St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, with the Rev. Paul White, officiating. Burial will be on Monday, December 29, at 11:00 AM in St. Mary Cemetery in Chester, IL. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 26, 2014, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the church. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Dixon Veterans Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

Polo, IL 61064

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church  
1104 N Brinton Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 288-3131  
[http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st\\_anne\\_parish.htm](http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm)

## Service

DEC **26.** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Thomas Costliow*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Gerald Thomas Costliow*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Jerome sorry to hear about your Father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. To this day I can still vividly see your Dad showing me how he entered those submarine hatches.*

**Rob and Barb** - December 28, 2014 at 10:08 PM



“ *Lisa Goodenough lit a candle in memory of Gerald Thomas Costliow*



**Lisa Goodenough** - December 27, 2014 at 06:51 PM



“ *FHS Staff lit a candle in memory of Gerald Thomas Costliow*



**FHS Staff** - December 27, 2014 at 01:13 PM

GD

“ *Gail Drolema lit a candle in memory of Gerald Thomas Costliow*



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**Gail Drolema** - December 27, 2014 at 01:12 PM

RD

“ *I am Fr. Lou Dickmann from Northern Kentucky. I went to St. Mary's College with Gerald. We became very close when we were studying Philosophy from Latin text books. I had had Latin since freshman high school and the Navy had not provided him with much Latin. We spent many hours together and we made it through. He was a delightful person and a man of faith. I will remember him and your family in my Masses and prayers.*

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**Rev. Louis H Dickmann** - December 25, 2014 at 11:12 AM

MW

“ *I will sadly miss my favorite cousin. I have such fond memories of him from our childhood days with the Egger family. Gerald was proud of his family and loved to talk about their accomplishments with Bud and I. We loved him for his witty humor and he made us laugh with joy when we had the opportunity to visit.  
God speed Gerald!!  
Bud and Mary Wrigley*

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**Mary and Bud Wrigley** - December 24, 2014 at 03:56 PM

MO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Martha Oldham** - December 23, 2014 at 04:04 PM

MO

“ Gerald would often mention the fact that he was the oldest and I was the youngest cousin. (Almost 30 years between us) We shared many memories from visiting his adorable young family in Decatur to the many visits at my parents house in Belleville.

After my mom, Ruth, passed away he missed her and often said he wished he could pick up the phone and talk to her. Ah yes, they both were characters and got on each others nerves...but oddly enough they looked forward to each visit.

I remember Gerald always said my mom pricked him with the diaper pins on purpose back when he was a baby. Gerald was a young boy when my parents were courting in Chester. He remembered my father driving a model t with a rumble seat. My father would offer Gerald a stick of gum when he picked up my mom for a date. It's so funny to hear what one remembers from so long ago.

Last time I remember Gerald visiting my mom he dropped a knife down a drain in the kitchen. It was the funniest thing to hear my mom and Gerald argue about it. Needless to say it took a long time to get that knife out and Poor guy would never live that one down.

May God give you comfort and strength as it's never easy to say goodbye to a loved one.

May you share his FAITH that gives us eternal HOPE!

I'm sorry I can't be at the funeral but I'm there with you in spirit.

love and blessings, Martha (McAllister) Oldham

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Martha Oldham - December 23, 2014 at 04:02 PM

GW

“Gerald was my mother's first cousin. He would tell me stories about growing up across the street from his grandparents, Fred & Zelma Eggers. He would ask question after question of everyone around him as a child. So when they would get tired of his questions, they would say to him, "Gerald, I think I hear your mother calling you.”

Gerald would then run home to see what his mother, Melba, wanted. But in all honesty, she didn't call him; that was their way to sending him home. They knew that if he went home and asked her what she wanted, then she would tell him that it was time to stay home with her.

He always delighted in telling me about growing up in Chester and being apart of the Eggers family. I admired him for his sense of humor and devotion to family and his faith. Rest in Peace dear Gerald.

Gina Watson White, St. Louis, MO

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Gina Watson White - December 23, 2014 at 01:30 PM