



## Lawrence Earle Blickenderfer

December 17, 1933 - May 22, 2015

Lawrence "Earle" Blickenderfer entered into the presence of the Lord May 22, 2015 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born in 1933 to Ralph M. and Ruth Green Blickenderfer in Glassmere, PA. He grew up in Verona, PA and graduated from Penn Hills High School in 1952. He married Nancy Lee McLaughlin July 8, 1955. They had 4 children, Cheryl Lynn Hendricks (Jim), Vicki Lynette Van Hoogen (Jonathan), Ronie Earle Blickenderfer and Jamie Alan Blickenderfer(Emily). He worked for J.C. Murphy Co. and then entered the U.S. Army June 1953. He was honorably discharged in 1957 after serving his country in Germany and receiving the National Defense Service Medal. He worked as a Safety and Security Engineer for various industrial companies including J&L Steel, Weyerhaeuser, Texas-Gulf Sulphur, Texfi, Uranium Recovery Corp., Agrico, Plant City Steel and Mosaic. He enjoyed his many stints teaching First Aid and was active in substance abuse testing. As an indication of his extraordinary work ethic, his children forced him to retire at the age of 79 in 2013.

Earle was a member of the First Alliance Church in Lakeland for the last 38 years. He loved serving the Lord as an elder and treasurer. He often recounted his favorite church position teaching the junior high boys Sunday school class.

Earle was well known for his sense of humor, one-liners and laughter. It has been said of Earle that he never met a stranger. He was generous to family and friends always ready to come to the aid of those in need. His hospitality

was evident as he and Nancy entertained many guests in their home. Earle was exceptionally proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, always delighting in bringing them treats and treasures. He loved spending time fishing and camping.

Earle was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Ruth Blickenderfer, his brothers Floyd, Milton, Nelson, Marlin and Gene and sisters Ruth Flenner and Blanche Siverd.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nancy, his four children and their spouses, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, his brother Lowell and his sisters Velma Myers and Maxine Pittman.

Visitation will be held Tuesday May 26, 6-8pm at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home Southside Chapel.

A full military honors graveside will take place Wednesday May 27, 11am at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida followed by a memorial service at 3pm at First Alliance Church, Lakeland, Florida.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel  
1727 Bartow Road  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
(863) 688-7679  
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com  
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

## Graveside with Military Honors

**MAY 27.** 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery  
6502 SW 102nd Ave.  
Bushnell, FL 33513

## Memorial Service

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MAY 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Alliance Church  
1919 E. Edgewood Dr.  
Lakeland, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Earle Blickenderfer*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM

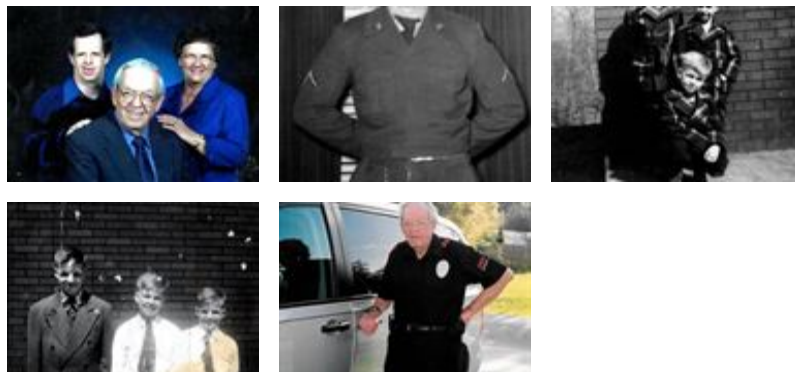


“ *I remember when Jamie and I got married, and Mom and Dad came to visit us in Colorado Dad whispered in my ear that it was about time. He was and always will be a wonderful godly man. I will miss him terribly.*

**Emily Blickenderfer** - May 26, 2015 at 06:08 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - May 26, 2015 at 02:08 PM



*My thoughts and prayers are with you all!! So glad to know he is in Heaven, worshipping Christ face to face!!! He had a great life with a wonderful family by his side!! Love to you all!!*  
*Sylvia Hutchins*

**Sylvia Hutchins** - May 29, 2015 at 09:47 PM

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“ *Ron, Betty, Eric, Scott and Family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Earle Blickenderfer.*



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**Ron, Betty, Eric, Scott and Family.** - May 25, 2015 at 08:12 PM

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“ *We can rejoice that Earle is in his mansion in our Father's house. He no longer has his earthly body but a new one, no more pain or suffering. What a joy. My prayers go up for you, Ronnie and all the family. May God fill you with His peace. Your friend in Christ, Sylvia Johnson*

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**Sylvia Johnson** - May 25, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Earle Blickenderfer.*



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May 24, 2015 at 12:30 PM

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“ *We know that you are receiving the crown the Lord has prepared for you. God bless you, Uncle Earle. Our thoughts and prayers go to Aunt Nancy, Cheryl Lynn, Vicki, Ronnie Earle, and Jamie. From all of the Siverds.*

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**Matt Msiverd** - May 24, 2015 at 11:33 AM