



# Miles C Filer

MAY 13, 1921 - OCT 19, 2017



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## **Miles C Filer**

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**M**iles Calvin Filer, 96, of Vandalia, IL passed away at 9:42 AM, Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Vandalia Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Mother of Dolors Catholic Church, Vandalia with Rev. Fr. Zachary Edgar officiating. Burial will follow in Mother of Dolors Catholic Cemetery, Vandalia. Military Rites accorded at graveside by Crawford-Hale American Legion Post # 95, Vandalia. Visitation will be held from 6:00- 8:00 PM, Monday, October 23, 2017 at Hohlt and File Funeral Home, Vandalia. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Caring and Sharing, Mother of Dolors Catholic Church, Crawford-Hale American Legion Post #95, or Fayette County Health Department Hospice.

Miles Calvin Filer was born May 13, 1921 in Vandalia, IL the son of Rufus Calvin and Lillian "Ruth" (Miles) Filer. He married Erma T. Bodlovich on June 30, 1951; she preceded him in death on February 12, 2003. Miles was a United States Army veteran serving as a paratrooper in WWII, having jumped on D-Day as a member of the 508th Parachute Regiment in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a Prisoner of War for 11 months and was liberated from a Czechoslovakian coal mine in May of 1945. Later in life, Miles was a self-employed dairy farmer and he and Erma raised their four children on their farm in rural Vandalia. He later worked for the City of Vandalia Street Department. Following his second retirement, he continued mowing various properties around Vandalia, while gardening and raising steers each year into his early 90s. He was a member of Mother of Dolors Catholic Church, Crawford-Hale American Legion Post #95, and Knights of Columbus Council #4630.

He is survived by his daughters Teresa Filer and husband Max Roler of Los Angeles, CA, and Paula and husband Kim Edgar of Vandalia; daughter-in-law Jane Filer of Chapel Hill, NC; sister Ferrel Lowe of Vandalia; and grandchildren Rev. Fr. Zachary Edgar and Hannah Edgar.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sons John Filer and Paul Filer, brothers Benjamin Filer and Darrell Filer.

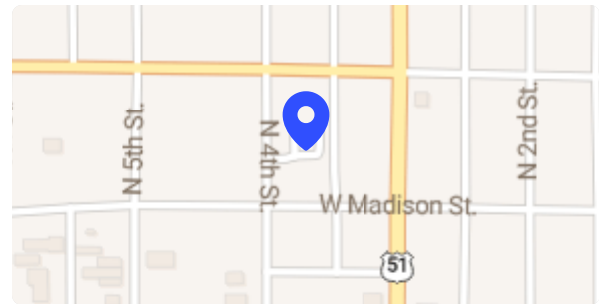


### Visitation

**Monday**, October 23, 2017

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

**Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Ltd.**  
204 N 4th Street, Vandalia IL 62471

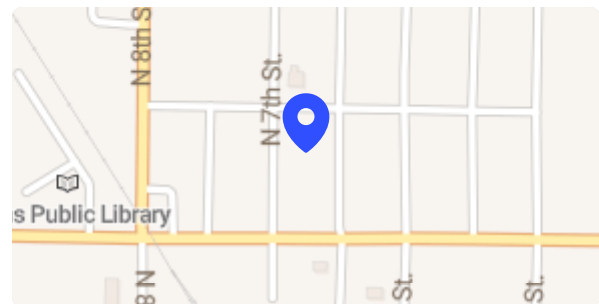


### Funeral Mass

**Tuesday**, October 24, 2017

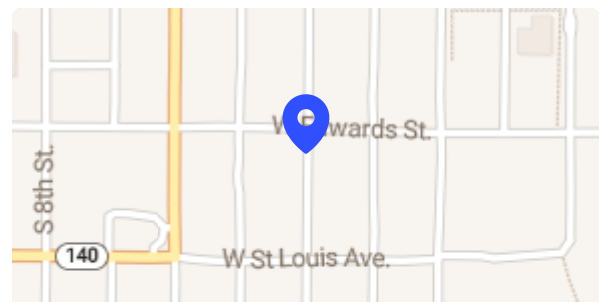
10:30 AM CT

**Mother of Dolors Catholic Church**  
322 N 7th Street, Vandalia IL 62471



### Cemetery Details

**Mother of Dolors Catholic Church Cemetery**  
South 6th Street, Vandalia IL 62471





## Tribute Wall

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PW

**Peggy Whitler** posted:

Paula, I was sad to hear of the passing of your dad. I have known your family for a very long time. I don't live in Vandalism any more. I live in a small town named Virden. My family roots on my dad's side are from this area. When I came home from Ukraine, I moved here and lived with my older brother and then got my own place. I have always thought so much of your your family. Your parents were wonderful. Both of your brothers are deceased also. Just know that I care about you. When I come to Van again I shall try to touch base with you. Love you.

October 29 at 8:57 AM

RS

**Ruby Dean Scammahorn** lit a candle in honor of Miles.

Hugs and Love and Prayers!!!!

October 25 at 8:14 AM



RS

**Ruby Dean Scammahorn** lit a candle in honor of Miles.

October 25 at 8:13 AM



DH

**Debbie Jo Ann Hough** posted:

Love and Prayers!!!!

October 25 at 8:12 AM

JS

**Janice Semple** posted:

Fr. Edgar, Just wanted to send our sympathy. He sounded like a great man. Dale and I are unable to come this evening, but certainly wanted to let you know we were thinking of you. -Dale & Janice Semple.

October 23 at 5:29 AM



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RR

**Ron And Kathy Roler** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Filer family.



October 22 at 9:37 AM

CF

**Carolyn K Filer** posted:

I am so sorry to hear that Miles has passed, and I know it is a big loss for his entire family. I remember Miles as such an open accepting person. When I first contacted him in the process of researching our family ancestry, he just immediately accepted me as a family member. He was a very gentle warm person, and I also felt like he was a long lost uncle. We have lost a good person and some of our family history. RIP Miles, we will miss you!Carolyn K. Filer

October 22 at 9:13 AM

RR

**Ron And Kathy Roler** lit a candle in honor of Miles.



October 22 at 9:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the Filer family.



October 22 at 8:41 AM

BG

**Betty Goodman** posted:

I remember Miles when he was @Seeetbriar the same time My Mother, Marie Warner was there. He was a Sweet Guy. Condolences to His Family

October 21 at 5:42 PM



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**Larry Smith** posted:

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, Fr. Edgar, Hannah, and all the family: Please accept our condolences; we will keep him and all of you in our prayers. May the angels rise to greet him and lead him to the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem; may he now rest in the peace and joy promised him in his Baptism, through God's mercy. Peace to all of you. Beverly and Larry Smith

October 21 at 2:39 AM



**Sheila Himes** lit a candle in honor of Miles.

So sorry for your loss, we send our heart-felt condolence

October 20 at 4:49 PM



**Judy Englert** posted:

So sorry for your loss. I am glad I got to meet such a wonderful man. Judy Englert

October 20 at 12:05 PM



**Connie Bolyard** lit a candle in honor of Miles.

So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

October 20 at 6:19 AM





# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Miles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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