



Gerald Laux

April 25, 1921 - April 25, 2009

Gerald Laux, 88, a lifelong resident of Morrilton, died Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Conway Regional Medical Center. He was born September 16, 1920, in Morrilton, to Anna Basler Laux and Steve Laux.

Survivors are his wife of 65 years, Mary Crye Laux, son and daughter-in-law George and Nan Laux of Richmond, Va.; daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Alan Eastham of Brazzaville, Congo; daughter and son-in-law Ann and David Turney of Conway; four grandsons, Greg Laux and his wife, Sunny, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Geoff Laux, his wife, Jessica, of Richmond, Va., Mark Eastham of Elon, North Carolina, and Michael Eastham of Harrisonburg, Va.; one great-granddaughter, Cecilia Laux, of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Mildred Adams of Austin, Texas; and three nieces and three nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters, Clara Loh of Morrilton, and Dorothy Montgomery of El Dorado, and one brother Herbert Laux of Morrilton.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. He began his business career working in his father's grocery store and then entered banking following graduation. In 1948 he entered partnership in Blue Ribbon Shoes with his father-in-law George Crye. Under Laux's guidance the business grew to include eight stores throughout Arkansas. He retired and closed the original Blue Ribbon Shoe Store in downtown Morrilton in 2005, after 80 years of continuous business. He enjoyed travel throughout the U.S. and visited Asia, Africa, the British Isles, Mexico and Europe. Active in his community, he served many terms on the

Morrilton City Council and, one term as mayor 1978-1982.

He was a member of the Rialto Community Arts Center Board of Directors and board member emeritus of the Conway County Historical Preservation Association. During his years in this Association, he was active on the successful committee to save the Train Depot in downtown Morrilton. He also worked to keep the U.S. Post Office in downtown. For many years, he and Mary Laux have managed the Morrilton (Elmwood) Cemetery Improvement Association.

Funeral mass will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Charles Thessing and Rev. Frank le Blanc officiating.

Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends 6:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic School Endowment and Trust, 406 E. Elm Street, Morrilton, AR 72110, or the Morrilton Cemetery Improvement Association, P.O. Box 561, Morrilton, AR 72110.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Laux*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Mrs. Laux and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Laux passing. I grew up across the street from you on N. Morrill, and played with George while we were growing up. I lived with my Aunt Miss Lydia Pierce, and I am the daughter of Armour and Lou Ed Carter that owned Armour's Cafe. I have such wonderful memories of all your family and going to the store to buy my shoes. I live in Florida now but my home will always be Morrilton and losing Mr. Laux will be a great loss to the town but to all of the many people that knew and cared about him. Your family are in my heart and prayers,*

Lydia Carter

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary and Family: Shirley and I will always remember Gerald as being kind and considerate. He and James Lloyd were so good to my family. We will never forget him. Faber Mills*

April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ann,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Tina Ward
College of Pharmacy*

April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your dad. Our prayers are with you.*

April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Know we love you and are praying for you during this sad and difficult time. Gerald was so kind to everyone and was so loved. He will be greatly missed.*

Mary Dale, George, Carolyn and Ann, we are so sorry and know we love you!

Love and Prayers, Dick and Becky

April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann
My thoughts are with you and your family. I hope your memories, friends, and family will help with this difficult time.
God bless you and your family.
Bill McIntyre*

April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann, I am very sorry to hear of the passing away of your beloved dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers in this time of loss. My deepest sympathies are with you and your family.*

Qayyim

April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Laux, Carolyn, Ann, George and family--
I will always remember how wonderful your family was to me when Carolyn and I went to Hendrix. Mr. Laux was such a sweetheart, and I don't think I ever saw him when he didn't have a big beautiful smile on his handsome face! I am so glad that you all had this time together with Carolyn at home. I know you are sad, but hopefully you will remember the good times, and I am sure there must have been many in your Dad's rich and long life. I am thinking of you all, and I hope to see you soon in Arkansas.

Much love,

*Pam Fair
Nashville, Tennessee*

April 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ George & Nan: Sorry to hear of your loss.

April 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. He was always the sweetest man! I always enjoyed going in Blue Ribbon and visiting with him.
He always had a way of making people smile, and now he is sharing that gift with those in Heaven. God bless his family during this time.

April 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Dale, George, Carolyn, Ann & your families. We will always remember how very kind and generous Gerald was to our families, indeed to the entire community. We thank God for allowing our life paths to cross. May Gerald rest in peace.*

*Fondly,
Hank(Butch) and Becky Hartman*

April 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *George,
Barb and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I always enjoyed the stories you told of your dad's life in Arkansas. I believe our fathers had a lot in common. I see that you plan to be in Arkansas for awhile, so I will plan to call when you return to VA.*

April 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM