



## Sepp Etterer

August 31, 1944 - January 3, 2026

Sepp Etterer, age 81, died peacefully in his Mentone home on January 3, 2026. He was born on August 31, 1944 in Munich, Germany to the late Josef & Ingeborg Fierlings Etterer. Sepp came from a small village outside of Munich where he herded cattle and later came to America to become an Electrical Engineer and a United States Air Force Pilot. After receiving his Electrical Engineering degree from Michigan State University he joined the United States Air Force where he became a pilot flying the C-141 aircraft, which was the largest aircraft at that time, in Vietnam. After his service, he later ran his own company, Safety Maintenance Organization Systems. Sepp was a member of Moon Lake Baptist Church in Mentone. He was a devoted husband and loving father. He had so many talents. He was a Jack Of All Trades in a true sense of the word.

A memorial service for Sepp Etterer will be 2 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2026 at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with military honors. Pastor Steven Cornelius will officiate the service with eulogies given by Mr. Etterer's children. The family will receive friends on one hour prior to the service.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judith Shell Etterer; children, Vik Etterer, Crista Etterer, Kurt Etterer, John Etterer, Julia Etterer-Gaffin, and Joe Etterer; sister, Helga Clark; half brother, Greg Alspaugh; half-sister, Robin Rich; grandchildren, Stephanie "Tepp", Aaron, Noah, Aidan, Addi, Justice, Alonni, KJ, Gray, and Annie Ray; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and several siblings.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lisa, Larry, Stephanie Etterer-Sacotte purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sepp Etterer.* ”



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**Lisa, Larry, Stephanie Etterer-Sacotte** - January 16 at 05:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sepp Etterer.* ”



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January 16 at 12:31 PM

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“ *Air Methods Safety Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sepp Etterer.* ”

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**Air Methods Safety Team** - January 07 at 09:59 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sepp Etterer.* ”



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January 07 at 09:59 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sepp Etterer.



January 06 at 09:14 AM



“ Ariel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sepp Etterer.

Ariel - January 05 at 09:03 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sepp Etterer.



January 05 at 09:03 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I may not have met Sepp, but his children (my Cousins) and their mother Lonnie (my Aunt) are truly loved.  
Johnny Gauthier



John Gauthier - January 05 at 06:33 AM



Thank you for your sweet message, Johnny. ❤️  
[Kurt]

Kurt Etterer - January 05 at 11:36 AM

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*Beautiful message Johnny*

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**ALTHEA C BURNS** - January 17 at 12:31 PM

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“ *Sepp was always someone you could depend on. We were both very involved with Our Sons and his daughters swim team BSL. As parents of swimmers we had many commitments. Sepp was always there helping when needed. He was like an encyclopedia of “how to fix anything “. Amazing person who will be missed by many Friends and family. Andy Lockhart*

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**Andy Lockhart** - January 04 at 07:38 PM