



Edward L. Hasnerl

March 23, 1935 - March 25, 2026

Reverend Edward L. Hasnerl, 91, of Knox, answered his call to meet his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

He was born on March 23, 1935, in Knox, Indiana, to the late Charles F. and Violet (Leonard) Hasnerl. A longtime resident of the area, Ed devoted his life to faith, family, and service, leaving a lasting impact on his community through his leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to others.

Ed was a respected community leader whose influence reached across many facets of local life. He served on numerous boards and contributed his time and talents to a wide range of community initiatives, always striving to improve the lives of those around him. His dedication was recognized with the prestigious Henry F. Schricker Service Before Self Award, and he was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by former Indiana Governors Otis Bowen and Robert Orr.

A man of many talents, Ed was deeply involved in local business and media. He was the owner and editor of The Starke County News, vice president of Starke County Publishers (now The Leader), and co-owner of the Knox Theatre and the TeePee Restaurant. He also served for many years as executive vice president of the REMC, helping guide the organization with integrity and vision.

Ed's voice became a familiar and trusted presence in the community through his work at WKVI radio, where he served as news director for many years. He was especially well known and beloved as the host of the daily commentary,

“Talking of Many Things,” where he shared thoughtful reflections that resonated with listeners throughout the region.

Above all, Ed was a devoted servant of God. He faithfully answered his calling to ministry, serving as pastor of Eagle Creek Community Church for many years, as well as pastoring several other congregations throughout his lifetime. His messages of faith, hope, and love touched countless lives and will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Ed is survived by his son, Charles (Lisa) Hasnerl II; three granddaughters Cara (Cody) Carlson, Maria (Triston) Krueger, Cassondra (Ethan) Gniadek ; great-grandson Callahan Carlson; and two great-granddaughters Palmer and Kendall. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Eileen Kemble and Joyce Conkle.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. CDT on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Eagle Creek Community Church, located at the intersection of County Roads 700 East and 25 North in Knox. Funeral services will follow at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Eagle Creek Community Church or the Cheryl Lyn Welter Foundation.

Ed will be remembered as a man of deep faith, steady leadership, and a servant’s heart—one who gave generously of himself and left his community better than he found it.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Eagle Creek Church
280 N 700 E
Knox, IN 46534
(574) 772-3558

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Jeffrey Conkel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward L. Hasnerl.

Jeffrey Conkel - March 30 at 01:11 PM

JC

“ Jeffrey Conkel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward L. Hasnerl.



Jeffrey Conkel - March 30 at 01:11 PM

CH

“ I worked for Mr. H in late 60s to early 70s at the state REMC office, and he was a great boss and a successful executive at that time. My condolences to his family.

Constance Hicks - March 30 at 10:58 AM

CH

Thank you for your kind words and sharing.

Charlie Hasnerl - March 30 at 10:01 PM

CM

“ So many wonderful memories of Ed... just a few of them are, christmas season having our picture taken around the christmas tree and communion on christmas eve ... the talking of many things around the tables at our restraurant and his stimulating and thought provoking conversations in sunday school class...he will be greatly missed by many.. you have earned your heavenly crown. Can't wait to meet you on the other side...

Carol Messer - March 29 at 10:26 AM

MS

“ Ed was always a joy to talk with when he came into the bakery in Knox. We love listening to his stories. He will be greatly missed.

Marti Sult-Holland - March 28 at 06:33 PM

JW

“ Anyone who listened to WKVI radio knew this man by his unmistakable voice. I had the pleasure to meet him a few times and every time he was always very nice and always smiling. He was a GREAT man and we have lost one of the best. May God bless the famliy and I pray his loving arms wrap them with love and comfort during this time.

Jack White - March 28 at 07:59 AM

BA

“ So many memories of Uncle Ed and I playing and singing together my sincere sympathy to Charlie and family Rest in Peace you have a mansion of gold waiting for you

barb Abel - March 27 at 07:09 PM



One of Starke county's finest. Rest in Peace Ed. Don and Diane Johnson

Diane - March 28 at 09:07 AM