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George M. Bruder, 91, of Decatur, passed away in his sleep on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Evergreen Senior Living Center.

George was born September 19, 1927, in Decatur, Illinois, the son of George M Bruder and Anna Marie (Blank) Bruder. He married Betty Ann Scott on September 22, 1945 in Decatur. They shared over seventy-two years together. George was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

During WWII, George worked at the Caterpillar Military Engine plant in Decatur. He worked the night shift and went to Decatur High School during the day. In the early 1950's, he began working at the Caterpillar Tractor Company manufacturing facility in Decatur, retiring from there as an Inspection Manager in 1983.

Surviving are his son, John D. (Carol) Bruder and Don E. (Donna) Bruder; grandchildren, Michael Eric (Heather) Bruder, Sarah Dawn (Jason) Ward, Andrew Donald (Caroline) Bruder and Robby David (Kelly) Bruder; great-grandchildren McKenzie and Aiden Bruder, Jacob, Jennah and Josie Ward, William and Lilah Bruder and Liam Bruder; and special niece, Tammy (Gosnell) Boeker.

George was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty, grandson, John Scott Bruder and six sisters.

His family gives special thanks to the people at Evergreen Senior Living Center in Decatur, Harbor Lights Hospice in Forsyth, and to Dr. David Baumberger for the great care and support provided to George.

Private family services will be held at the Star of Hope Mausoleum in Graceland Cemetery.

The family of George M. Bruder is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the complete online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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WB

Will Barger posted:

So very sorry for your loss – as you are aware, I have known George and the family for many years, living a short distance from them on 121 which is now the Krekel's restaurant. My first memory was George loaning me, a junior in high school, his 60 Pontiac convertible to drive the King and Queen in the parade at the home coming football game. Many, many, more good memories from times past including working with George at Caterpillar. A truly fine, always distinguishably dressed, gentleman.

September 20 at 9:07 AM

JH

Jim Hettinger posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of George's passing. Betty and George were my neighbors for many years. No one could ask for better neighbors. If I needed help with anything he would be there with a smile on his face. In particular when I first moved in, he was a big help to me when I was going through a very tough time in my life. Rest in Peace my friend, if anyone deserves it, it is you.

September 20 at 9:07 AM

TK

Theresa Kraft posted:

Darrell and I are so sorry for your loss. May he now Rest In Peace.

September 20 at 6:37 AM

MS

Michael And Sharon Speas posted:

Sharon and I was so surprised to hear of George's passing. He was a great friend and a fantastic manager at Cat. I worked with him or for him for many years at Caterpillar. I'm sure he will be missed by friends and his whole family. But I know he is now with the Lord and his beautiful wife and no longer in any type of pain. May he Rest In Peace.????

September 20 at 5:30 AM



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Dick Kramer posted:

I'm very sorry to hear of George's death. I worked with George at Caterpillar. He was very well liked and respected. Years ago, I bought a 14' wood speed boat from George that he had built; fastest boat on Lake Decatur! I also ran into the back of his car when we were all hurrying to leave work. All it did was knock down his tail pipes that were extending 12' behind the bumper ... he wasn't happy about that! George was partially responsible for my success at Caterpillar; he set a good example and was a good role model. George will be missed by many.

September 19 at 8:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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