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Decatur – Ronald L. “Ron” Gillen, 83, of Decatur, IL, passed away Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Life’s Journey Senior Living, Taylorville, IL.

Ron was born August 5, 1935 in Decatur, the son of Albert Lee and Martha Ellen (Gaston) Gillen. He graduated from Lakeview High School where he was proud to play varsity basketball. Ron was a US Army veteran of the Korean war and worked for Illinois Power for 51 years retiring in 2006. He coached baseball and softball and was a member of IBEW and American Legion Post 105. He married Deborah Griffin on July 18, 1987 in Decatur.

He is survived by his wife, Deb; children: Ronald Gillen, Daniel and wife Lisa Gillen, Laura Schultz and fiancé Cory Madsen; stepchildren: Timothy and wife Aimee Fyke, Kelley and husband Shawn Overrocker, Cara and husband Tom Peter and Joseph and wife Corey Fyke; grandchildren: Jennifer, Amy, Katie, Tyler, Jayne, Mitch, Tony, Chris, Danielle, Sydney, Ryan, Addison, Dalton, Evan, Griffin, Knox, Rylie, Brody, Tommy, Noah, Brynn, Avery and Tessa Jo; eleven great grandchildren; siblings: James and wife Sue Gillen and Joyce Morenz; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister in law, Richard and Betty Gillen; brother in law, Ed Morenz; father and mother in law, Mike and Joann Griffin and sister in law, Diane Wayne.

Visitation will be Friday, May 10, 2019, from 12 pm until the service time of 2 pm at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, concluding with military rites by the Macon County Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer’s research or American Legion Post 105.

Arrangements by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL 62526. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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RL

Rick & Sherri Lewis posted:

I am so saddened to hear this about Ron (Harvey) Gillen we Played On the same team . Ron was a Pitcher .Ron was a great and Nicest guy I have met.Ron was our Best Man in our Wedding in August 1992 . I was thinking about him and then Debs Birthday pops up on my Facebook Page and I seen that she Passed also. .I am so sorry I didn't know of Ron's passing or we would of definitely been there Prayers to the Family.

October 31 at 12:41 PM

LM

Lee Ann Merlie posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Dan, while I didn't know your father well while working at Ameren, I do remember riding along with Ron in the field during some of my electric training. He was so kind to me and I know many other co-workers at Ameren thought the world of him.You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Lee Ann Merlie

May 11 at 1:00 PM

DC

Debbie & Steve Craycroft posted:

We send our heartfelt sympathy to Ron, Jenny, Amy, Katie, Tyler and family. You are all in our thoughts.

May 10 at 4:30 AM

BC

Bill Cooke posted:

Good Guy, That's why he was Best Man for my wedding on April 18, 1958. Well known for his basketball ability even tho he wasn't tall. Worked with him during the early 1950's at Kempers Park Inn (now home of Krekels on Prairie Avenue and Route 36 in Decatur. May he Rest In Peace.

May 6 at 2:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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