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Francis James Castelli, 95, of Decatur, died March 14, 2018 peacefully at his home with his family by his side.

Francis was born January 5, 1923 in Ladd, IL, the son of John and Venusta (Pucci) Castelli. He married Marcella Wright on March 14, 1954 in Decatur, IL.

Francis was a machinist at Levazzi Tool Works in Chicago, IL. During his employment at Levazzi, the US Department of Defense offered him a deferment from military service. He proudly declined and had enlisted in the US ARMY along with his three brothers. He served as a Military Policeman in the Persian Gulf during WWII. After his honorable discharge, he worked as a mechanic for Highfield Buick. He later accepted a position with the Decatur Housing Authority serving as a maintenance man retiring at the age of 67.

He was a lifetime member and past Commodore of the Commodore Decatur Yacht Club (CDYC). He enjoyed ice boating until the age of 88. One of his other joys was gardening. He was a lifetime member of the VFW.

Surviving are his children, Linda Waller and her husband Dan of Blue Mound, IL, Susan Walker of Decatur, IL; one granddaughter, Mindy Ziemer; and great grandchildren, Erin Ziemer and Braden McCoskey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Marcella, and 3 brothers.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Macon County Honor Guard, 2:00 PM Monday, March 19, 2018, at Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials: Commodore Decatur Yacht Club (CDYC), Chandler Park, Decatur, IL 62521.

The Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Francis. Condolences may be left to his family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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SH

Sue Hale posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Francis J. Castelli

March 18 at 10:49 AM

PJ

Pete Johns posted:

Shared his hard and soft water enthusiasm with me for over 60 yrs. Jon king put it perfectly.

March 18 at 9:16 AM

FB

Fred Burgett posted:

While in high school in the early 60's I was blessed with Frank's careful mentoring as a crew member on his Snipe sailboat and as a fellow DN ice boater. I spent time at his home near where he is interred. He was one of a few who guided my growing into adulthood. What a wonderful man he was, giving and caring for all he knew and met. His long life is a testament to his living and one whose memory is embedded in my mind.Fred Burgett

March 18 at 8:28 AM

AH

Allen And Dana Hansen posted:

Thank you Frank and Marcella for being the best neighbor possible for the 10 years we lived on W. Garfield. So sorry for the family's loss of those fantastic people. Allen and Dana Hansen

March 18 at 6:01 AM

ST

Sandy Thomas posted:

I will miss you, Uncle Francie. He taught me to roller skate when I was about 8. My favorite uncle. Charlie is proud to have known you.Sandy Thomas & Charlie Miles

March 17 at 9:41 AM

DD

David Daker posted:

Thanks for your friendship and great memories Frank....truely one special man...RIP...David Daker

March 17 at 7:06 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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