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John Patrick Brilley, Jr., 89, of Decatur, passed away, Thursday, December 14, 2017, at Decatur Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family.

John was born March 25, 1928 in Decatur, to John Patrick and Vesta (Davis) Brilley, Sr. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy during WWII and Korea. He married Ruth Skaggs on March 21, 1953 in Decatur, IL. John loved his wife more than life itself. He was a hard worker and great provider for his family. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and enjoyed his music.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruth; five children, Barry Allen Brilley of Decatur, Stephen Patrick Brilley of Decatur, Timothy Bert Brilley of Rockledge, FL, Martin Jon (Sheryl) Brilley of Decatur and Kristina Ruth (Bruce) Porter of Glen Carbon, IL; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and four sisters.

Private family graveside services to celebrate the life of John Brilley will be held.

Military honors will be provided by the Macon County Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to Shriner's Hospital for Children 4400 Clayton Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110.

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



Tribute Wall

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KP

Kristina Brilley Porter posted:

Thanks for your prayers and kind words. Kristina Brilley Porter

December 30 at 4:11 PM

AS

Adrian Skelton posted:

Donna and I were sad seeing the passing of John. We lived across the street from John, Ruth and the kids for 42 years. John and Ruth and the family are good people and a good family. Our prayers are with you at this time of loss. Adrian and Donna Skelton. (Alabama)

December 24 at 2:07 PM

KP

Kristina Porter posted:

Thank You Leta for for your kind words and the wonderful care you and the other nurses gave to my father. Kristina Brilley Porter

December 20 at 8:51 AM

LK

Leta Kretsinger posted:

I spent many hours with John in the hospital and was blessed to listen to his travels in the military. Many nights when I cared for him he told me about his family and experience in the military. He certainly suffered during that time and I prayed for him, so that God would end all of his pain. He is now in a better place and no more pain. Peace be with you my friend, Leta Kretsinger RN

December 19 at 5:19 AM

RR

Roy Roberts posted:

You are certainly in our prayers each day, and our hearts are with you! God be your peace and strength! Lori and Roy Roberts

December 17 at 8:06 AM

KP

Kristina Brilley Porter posted:

Love you dad! I hope you are walking in and enjoying that beautiful field of flowers.

December 17 at 7:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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