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Decatur-Lowell Kenneth Silkwood, 91, of Decatur, passed away Monday, May 9, 2016, in his home with his family by his side.

Lowell was born September 21, 1924 in Alton, Illinois, the son of Charles Henry and Louise Margaret (Behl) Silkwood. He proudly served his country in USMC during World War II. He was previously employed as an engineer with the Wabash and later Norfolk Railroads. Lowell loved walking his dogs, fishing, and yardwork. He married Beatrice May McGuire May 10, 1946 in Decatur. She preceded him in death October 5, 2006.

Lowell leaves behind his daughters Evelyn (Robert) Whitacre, Gretchen Bonds, and Cynthia (John) Higgins, grandchildren Jessica (Brandon) Ellison and Jodi Higgins, and great-grandchildren Kolton and Klayton Ellison and Kaidon Higgins.

Lowell was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother Charles Silkwood, and sister Margaret Silkwood.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Venita Edwards-Talley, and the nurses and staff with St. John's Hospice for all of their loving care.

Services to celebrate Lowell's life will be 11 AM Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with Pastor Buzz Swett officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11 AM prior to the services. Burial with military honors conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard will follow in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Homeward Bound Pet Shelter.

The family of Lowell Kenneth Silkwood 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.

Video Tribute for: Lowell Kenneth Silkwood:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/DQPHXSGHD4BLNCBR>



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Bryan Booten posted:

I'm proud to say Lowell was like a grandfather, more so than my biological grandfather in fact, in only a few short years. Lowell taught me some important life lessons about standards, ethics, responsibility, and accountability that have helped me in my adult life, and steered me to become the good man I've become. The Lord must have known I needed his leadership. The rest of you taught me about unconditional love and acceptance. So much love and the deepest condolences to Beatrice, Gretchen, Catherine, and Evelyn. You made a big impact in a small time, with a young human being and all of you made a difference. I still serve up Golden Egg Rod, as the best best meal you'll ever had, because it was like pure love, thank you Bea. Sincerely, Bryan

March 1 at 12:34 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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