



Ralph R. Dombroski

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Decatur-Ralph R. Dombroski, 93, of Decatur, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2016 in his home.

Ralph was born January 26, 1923 in Decatur, Illinois, the son of Otto and Mae (Watson) Dombroski. He was a graduate of the Decatur High School class of 1940. He attended Brown's Business College and Millikin University. He proudly served his country in the 12th Army Air Force during World War II, serving three years in Africa and Italy. Ralph was employed for forty-two years with the A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company in various Industrial Sales and Marketing Management positions. Ralph was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, American Legion Castle Williams Post #105, and the Country Club of Decatur. He married Doris L. Painter October 20, 1946. They celebrated their sixty year anniversary before she preceded him in death November 3, 2006.

Ralph leaves behind his daughter Gayle Swanson and husband Cliff of Noblesville, Indiana, son Mark Dombroski and wife Janet of Mt. Zion, five grandchildren Brooke and Reid Swanson, Clayton, Weston, and Benjamin Dombroski, two great-grandchildren.

Ralph was preceded in death by his beloved wife Doris, parents, and brothers Otto Jr. and Glenn.

The family wishes to express a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Gregory Totel and staff, Pastor Russell Weise, Pastor Adam Ray, Jerry Pelz, and their church family at St. John's Lutheran Church for their loving kindness and prayers.

Services to celebrate Ralph's life will be 10 AM Saturday, February 20, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2727 N Union St, Decatur, IL 62526, with Pastor Russell J. Weise officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 PM Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Burial with military honors conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials in Ralph's



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honor are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church.

The family of Ralph R. Dombroski 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 Ralph R. Dombroski:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/7TGZZGJ5NJWQM3HQ>



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BR

Becky Rezac posted:

My father, James Franklin Mesnard, was a first cousin to Doris, and she was the closest he had to a sister. He told me often about the summers he, his brother Dean, and Doris spent at the family farm in Effingham, where their mothers' father had been a farmer and a preacher. Doris and Ralph had a very loving relationship and I always admired them together. I loved both of them and I'm sure that my dad, Doris, and Ralph and their mothers are all having wonderful family reunion! Ralph was the last of his generation, (at least from my side of the family) and he will be missed. I'm so happy to be able to claim him and Doris as relatives! I guess the torch now passes! Rebecca (Mesnard) Rezac

February 19 at 2:42 PM

CM

Constance Magoulias posted:

Mark & Gayle, We will certainly miss Ralph.....he was always such a gentleman. I'm sure going to miss the phone and back door conversations I had with him. Christmas Eve just won't be the same. Love, John and Connie.

February 18 at 7:06 AM

DH

Don Hyland posted:

Mark, Sorry for you and your family on the loss of your father. I met your father briefly when you both came to a visitation where I work. In the South this month so I cannot attend. Brother Don Hyland

February 17 at 1:02 PM

PR

Pam And Rheiny posted:

Dear Gayle & Mark, Even though we won't physically be in Decatur, our thoughts will be with you through this struggling time. Your Dad was a wonderful man who leaves pleasant memories for everyone who knew him. Thinking of you from Arizona, Pam and Rheiny

February 17 at 4:58 AM



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Mary Grant posted:

Gayle and Mark – sorry to hear of your loss. Ralph was a wonderful boss and good friend and a very distinguished gentleman. We now live in Dandridge, TN so won't be able to attend the service but our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will miss his Christmas cards with notes. Mary and Gary Grant

February 17 at 4:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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