



# Anthony John Markarian

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**A**nthony John Markarian, 89, of Decatur passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at Eastview Terrace in Sullivan, Illinois.

Services to celebrate Anthony's life will be 11 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery and conclude with military honors. Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, or charity of donor's choice.

Anthony was born December 22, 1925, in Chicago, Illinois, to Benjamin and Rose (Bitto) Markarian. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He earned two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart as a Sergeant in the European Campaign during World War II. He earned bachelor degrees from McKendree and Northwestern Universities. Anthony furthered his education and earned his M.S. from University of Illinois. He married Wanda Jane Pownall on January 20, 1951 in Donnellson, Illinois. They shared sixty-four wonderful years together. He was a chemistry instructor for thirty-seven years, most of these at Stephen Decatur High School. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, fishing, gardening, and he loved animals.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Jane Markarian of Decatur, IL; two sons, Keith (Debra) Markarian of Decatur, IL, Jeffrey (Bruce Vair) Markarian of Rochester, NY; two daughters, Kathy (Brent) Shelton of Rock Hill, SC, Jennifer (David) Reuland of Issaquah, WA; brother, John (Agnes) Markarian of Redmond, WA; granddaughter, Sarah Jane (Daniel) Shelton-Whinghter of Perth, Western Australia; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family of Anthony John Markarian is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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TD

**Thora Devleschoward** posted:

Mr. Markarian was a jokester and a role model. He blessed us with his kindness, generosity, and inquisitive mind. I will treasure the memory of his mischievous grin. Thora Devleschoward

February 19 at 2:17 PM

DC

**Dawn Christie** posted:

Mr. Markarian was a great man and a great teacher. Thank you for sharing him with all of his many students over the years. My prayers are with his family. Heaven definitely got a 2. God Bless You.

February 17 at 12:21 PM

EM

**Ellen Martin** posted:

I had Mr Markarian my freshman year at SDHS as a homeroom teach . He always made me laugh and I still talk about him all these years later. A lot of the time we did not have to worry if we were late to home room because he was always late . He would say now don't tell on me. Loved the man .

February 17 at 8:22 AM

PR

**Pam Richards** posted:

Like so many others, Mr. Markarian was one of my favorite teachers. He brought out the best in his students, because he brought the best of himself to the classroom each day. He inspired me to major in science, eventually going to medical school. I was actually telling my children about him several weeks ago, when they were trying to decide whether to take chemistry next year! Your family will be in our prayers.Pam RichardsSDHS class of '77

February 17 at 6:50 AM

JS

**John Schirle** posted:

I knew Mr Markarian only as a teacher when I took chemistry, but he was one of my favorites. He had a passion for teaching and for science which he communicated to students. He expected and encouraged students to do their best, all with a great sense of humor. John Schirle

February 16 at 3:42 PM



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**Dave Miller** posted:

Mr. Markarian was my chemistry teacher in 1972-1973 at Stephen Decatur High School. He inspired me so much that I minored in chemistry in college. A great teacher and a great man.

February 16 at 3:40 PM

KG

**Kaitie Grimes** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Anthony John Markarian

February 16 at 2:51 PM

KG

**Kaitie Grimes** posted:

Love & hugs to all of you. He was one of the sweetest people I knew. So very sorry.

February 16 at 2:02 PM

GC

**Grace Carriker** posted:

My dear friend, Jane: So very, very sorry to learn of Mark's death. He was a wonderful, fun friend to all. I will be thinking of you, your children, and others close to Mark. Love to you all, Grace Carriker and family.

February 16 at 11:53 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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