



# Walter John Kostenski

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**W**alter John Kostenski, age 90, passed away on December 2, 2014 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Star of Hope mausoleum at Graceland Cemetery on Saturday, December 6th at 9:30 A.M. with services honoring and celebrating his life to follow at 10:30 A.M.

Walter was a life-long resident of Decatur, IL. He served in WWII as a member of the 96th infantry in Leyte and Okinawa, for which he received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and four battle stars.

Walter attended the University of California at Berkley and graduated from Millikin University.

He pursued a career in the construction business forming Decatur Construction, Co. Later he had A&B Motors and farming interests. In his retired years he could often be found having coffee at McDonald's.

Preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Celestine Kostenski.

Walter is survived by his loving wife, Elaine, of 67 years.

He is survived by his brother, Elmer Kostenski and wife Marilyn.

He is also survived by his three children, Gary Kostenski of Vero Beach, Fl., Janice Veltkamp and husband Stan of Baneberry, Tn. and Bob Kostenski of Decatur, Il..

He is survived by special daughters, Cyndi Kostenski and Margaret Kostenski.

Surviving grandchildren: Erin Tatham and husband Tom, Kori Byard and husband Dan,

David Kostenski and wife April, Ryan Veltkamp and wife Kameron, Bethany Kostenski

Surviving great grandchildren: Sam & Chloe Tatham, Dawson & Olivia Kostenski, Joleigh Kostenski.

The family of Walter John Kostenski is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral



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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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**Don And Nina Reynolds** posted:

Sending our deepest sympathy and so sorry to just now learn of the death of Walter. I was an employee of Walters working for Decatur Construction Company in 1967. In the fall of 1967 I started my own business, Kaskaskia Contractors, Inc. Walter was a special man who touched many people's life in his life time. Our thoughts are with you all.

December 11 at 2:33 PM

PS

**Pat Scribner** posted:

Elaine, Gene and I would like to express our deepest condolences on your loss of Walter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gene & Pat Scribner

December 6 at 11:54 AM



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

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



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