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Decatur-Joseph L. "Joe" Crane, 95, of Decatur, passed away Monday, February 3, 2014 in McKinley Court.

Joe was born September 8, 1918 in Sullivan, Illinois, the son of Logan and Eliza (Fleming) Crane. He proudly served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was deeply honored to be able to go on the "Honor Flight". He retired from Mueller Company where he was a galvanizer. He was a member of the American Legion and Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and cooking. Joe was known for his pies and was still cooking up until recently. He married Eileen Kayhs October 5, 1946. She preceded him in death January 10, 2013.

Joe leaves behind his daughter Jacque Mannakee, grandchildren Michael Mannakee, Kim Allen, and Brianne Allen, great-grandchildren Jude Breitwieser, Max Joseph Mannakee and Charlie Mannakee, son-in-law Neil Allen, and sister-in-law Mildred (Harold) Fleener.

Joe was reunited in Heaven with his parents, wife, daughter Jean Crane Allen, brother Louis Crane, and sisters Mary Brown, Corinne Thurm, Rosamond Crane, Opal Yarnell, and Daisy Crane.

Services to celebrate Joe's life will be 2 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2014 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services. Burial with military honors will be in Mt. Gilead Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Long Creek United Methodist Church.

The family of Joseph L. "Joe" Crane 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.



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RH

Rhonda Hunt posted:

Jacque and family, Joe was one of the really good guys and I feel so honored to have such good memories of him growing up. We know he is at peace and with your mom. The world is a better place having him in it. Love, Rhonda and Dude

February 10 at 6:48 PM

GB

Gail Bertram posted:

Jacque, Kim, Bree and Neil – please know my heart is with each of you today. I can not tell you how much I thought of your father (grandfather – father-in-law). He and his lovely Eileen always made me feel welcome and at home whether I was 16 yrs old and running in and out of the house with my dear friend, Jeanne, or many many years later when I would visit Decatur. I have so many fond memories of Joe and Eileen and know they are once again united along with their lovely daughter. Andy and I send all of you our love. Gail (Meyer) Bertram

February 7 at 3:21 AM

CC

Cherryl Conlin posted:

Oh, Jacque, I cannot even imagine what it is like to lose both parents within a year. The world has lost one of the good guys with Uncle Joe's death. Mother, Wilma Wilhelm, and I will be unable to be at the services. One of my mother's memories is that Uncle Joe and my dad, Ray, were in the service at the same time and they drove to Rantoul together. I can only imagine the reunion of all the Crane family now that they are all together again. Our love reaches out to you and your family. Cherryl (Wilhelm) and Gery Conlin

February 5 at 6:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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