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Decatur-Donald W. 'Pete' Peterson, 86, of Decatur passed away Monday, March 11, 2013 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Donald was born July 25, 1926 in Decatur, IL, the son of James and Maggie (Owens) Peterson. He proudly served his country in U.S. Army in WWII from November 3, 1944 to August 8, 1946 and in the Korean War from September 17, 1950 to September 1, 1951. He was a life-member of the V.F.W. Post #99, Cooties Puptent #62, Korean War # 24, American Legion Post #105, DAV Post #17, Salem Baptist Church, and a member of the Macon #8 A.F. & A.M. He was an avid volunteer that donated over twenty-two gallons of blood to the American Red Cross. He married Delores Renner on April 20, 1957 in Decatur, IL. She preceded him in death in 2002.

Donald leaves behind his son, Charles "Chuck" (Shirley) Puckett, daughters Karen Sue (Bill) Dotson of Decatur, Shirley A. Burns of Decatur, Jacki Lee (John) Pogue of Shelbyville, brother James D. (Juanita) Peterson of Decatur, sister Shirley Rentfro of Melbourne, Florida, grandchildren LeAnn (Gary) Ryan, Bianca (Gary) Altenburger, Katrina Burns, Deena Bowman (Jeff), Jerry (Jet) Slunder, Troy Slunder, Richard Mares, Roxanne Mares, Desila (Mark) Merry, Terren Mares, Shelly Puckett, Tommy Puckett, Wendy Ethington (Tim), and Quenna, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was reunited in Heaven with his parents, wife, grandsons Michael and Sam Burns, brothers William and Arthur Peterson, and son-in-law Leland Burns, Sr.

Services to celebrate Donald's life will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2013 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the funeral home. Burial with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to VFW Post #99 or the Macon County Honor Guard.

The family of Donald W. Peterson is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral



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Home honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL.
View the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at
www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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KM

Karen Miranda posted:

So sorry to hear about the passing of "Grandpa Pete". What a wonderful man – he loved his family so much and I know you will all miss him greatly. I just received a note from him at Christmas time and was hoping he was well. I hope he did not suffer. I will remember him fondly – he was so good to me. Thinking of you all in your time of loss and hoping your memories of him will bring you peace. Love, Karen (Slunder) Miranda

March 15 at 6:02 PM

RP

Ronnie Peterson posted:

We long for the day when we will see Uncle Don again in the presence of his Lord. Until then, we pray that you are comforted in the knowledge that he lived his life in a way to be honored. We are truly sorry that we can't be with you, but, our hearts ache with yours. Ronnie (Butch) and Kathy Peterson

March 14 at 5:02 AM

CH

Cheryl Harminson posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Donald W. Peterson

March 14 at 4:25 AM

JG

Jane Ginder posted:

Dear Peterson Family, I didn't know Mr Peterson but my brother Skip Perryman did and he often spoke of him to me. I just want you to know I am very sorry for your loss. I believe in Angels and I know he is one watching over you. May you find peace in your memories. Jane Ginder

March 13 at 1:55 PM

DF

David M. Freyling posted:

The rain came down steadily as the thunder rolled in the distance like the memory of an artillery barrage unleashed in a battle fought long ago. Three sharp volleys of rifle fire by the Guard of Honor, then the beautiful haunting 24 notes of "Taps", then, did I know this?? Veterans' soul had found peace at last. Let us not mourn the departed, but rather thank God that such a man lived. Thank you for allowing us to perform these last Military Rites for your loved one. We consider it an honor to do so.

March 13 at 11:40 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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