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Decatur ' James "Jim" T. Epps, 85, of Decatur passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 26, 2012 in his home with his family by his side.

Jim was born on January 9, 1927 in Little Cypress, KY the son of William and Nona (Lamb) Epps. Jim proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII in Germany. He united in marriage to Barbara Dillen on February 8, 1964 in Evansville, IN. He moved with his family to Decatur and began his 21 year career with the Decatur Public Transit System, where he held positions including Superintendent and retired as a diesel mechanic. He was an avid fisherman who loved to fish, camp, and boat. Upon his retirement, Jim worked for 16 years as campground host for the State of Illinois at Eagle Creek State Park in Findlay.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; daughters, Tammie (Daniel) Kemper, Annette (Michael) Moore, Sandy Meridith, Patricia Schoemperlen, Georgia (Rex) Ashe; sons, Randy Gilbert, Ralph (Diana) Gilbert; and special friend, Michael Atwood all of Decatur. He had 13 grandchildren that he loved very dearly and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Melvin and John Epps, two sisters, Corine 'Peggy' Foshee and Mary Epps, one son-in-law, Robert 'Bob' Schoemperlen, and grandson, Adam Gilbert.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of DMH for all their compassionate care.

Funeral service celebrating the life of Jim will be 10:00 am Thursday, August 30, 2012 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 5-8:00 pm Wednesday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Northfork Cemetery in Long Creek Township with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the family

The family of James Epps is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home,



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2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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KT

Kathy Thompson posted:

So sorry to hear about Jim...thoughts and prayers for Barb and family.

August 29 at 9:56 AM

RG

Ruby Gail posted:

Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. I find comfort in knowing that we will see them again one day. I am sending you my love along with my prayers for you and the family. Like you would tell me, I am only a phone call away if you need me. I love you! Ruby

August 29 at 8:44 AM

ST

Sandy Taylor posted:

Tammy, Sorry to hear about your father, you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Just remember God doesn't give you more than you can handle. From my experience it makes you a stronger person. God Bless your family and you. I miss you. Sandy

August 28 at 4:18 PM

SR

Sandra Riewski posted:

to barb and family. you are like my family to me. jim was a good husband to you barb. cherish the time you had together. love you always and forever. sandy.

August 28 at 2:06 PM

CD

Carroll Darwin posted:

Sorry to hear about Jim, I did not realize he was only 5 yrs younger than mom. when I think about him I picture him washing his car in the rain at aunt vemie in Evansville, I think this was right after you got married.

August 28 at 12:16 PM

BE

Barbara Epps posted:

HE WAS A WONDERFUL HUSBAND AND I'M GOING TO MISS HIM

August 28 at 10:30 AM



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Lori Cruse posted:

I will miss you very much, my uncle, my second dad and of course the most wonderful man in the world. Love, Lori

August 28 at 8:14 AM



Nettie Goffinet posted:

Barbara so sorry I know how hard it is & how you are feeling God will get you through this. Nettie

August 27 at 12:31 PM



Mike Atwood posted:

A quiet man, who served his country, his family, and his community. For the years I was blessed, I could not have found a better man to know. Peace and Rest for you now Jim. My thoughts go out for the family of Jim.

August 27 at 12:17 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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