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Decatur-Robert Michael Cairns Thompson EMC USN RET, 81, of Decatur, passed away at 8:03 a.m. Sunday, March 20, 2011 at Heartland Health Care Center.

Services to celebrate his life will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Park officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Interment with military honors conducted by the U.S. Navy and Macon County Honor Guard and 'Flight Home' Ceremony will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post 99 or St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Robert was born December 11, 1929 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of James and Jane (Sweeney) Thompson. He retired from the U.S. Navy, having served both Atlantic and Pacific ports from 1947-1966, including the Vietnam Conflict. He then became a member of IBEW Local 146 and worked as a journeyman wireman until his retirement. Robert was very active in and served three terms as Commander of VFW Post 99 in Decatur. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Eagles. He was humorous and easily amused but yet had a serious side. Robert was very generous and caring with a great love for his country and family. He married Donna Jean Cole on February 22, 1951.

He leaves behind Donna his beloved wife of over sixty years, daughter, Robin Piper and husband Andrew of Dixon, grandson, Carrington Piper of Chicago, sisters, Margaret Leese of Dayton, Ohio and Christine Johnson of Urbana, brothers, Thomas L. Thompson of Decatur, and John P. Thompson and wife Sharon of Decatur, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was reunited in Heaven with his parents, brother, James, sister, Agnes, and niece,



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Kathleen.

Our thanks and appreciation, go out to Connie, Julia, and all the north hall aides at Heartland Health Center for all of their loving care.

'The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them.'



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GR

Greg Rostek posted:

Donna, Robin and family I am sorry for your loss. Thanks for being such good friends of our family for my entire life. I always knew when Bob was at our house late at night while I was in bed because I could hear that big booming laugh. I thank him for his service to our country and I'm sure him and dad are once again having a beer and a laugh. Greg Rostek

March 23 at 8:49 AM

GG

Glen F Goodrich Jr posted:

BOB WAS ALSO VFW DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER 2004/2005 I WAS BEHIND BOB AND TRAINED UNDER HIM ALWAYS ENJOYED HIS COMPANY AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE NAVY BALL IN DECATUR. FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS MY FRIEND REST IN PEACE. STOREKEEPER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER GOODRICH

March 23 at 8:13 AM

PK

Paul & Bonnie Kendall posted:

To Aunt Donna and cousin Robin. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Uncle Robert will be missed greatly. God has called him for a higher purpose and we will all be together again when we are also called. My deepest condolence.

March 22 at 3:51 PM

ME

Melody posted:

Uncle Robert was a good man with a good heart. He loved his sailors, he loved his Navy, he loved his wife, he loved his family—no bones about that! He never expected anything in return. That's what I loved about him. – Thank you for your service & your love! Rest in eternal peace now Uncle Robert... you have earned it! To the family...my thoughts, prayers, & support are with you. I am saddened each time the Lord calls a loved one home. It upsets me to watch our family shrink in size. Then I think of the wonderful reunion we will have someday in Heaven—oh what a glorious day that will be! Knowing we will all be together again makes saying goodbye a little easier! See you later Uncle Robert!

March 22 at 8:23 AM



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DB

Dena Dooley Berry posted:

He said what he meant and meant what he said. You always knew where you stood with Uncle Robert, and I loved that about him. He snuck me my first beer. He was the first person that made me laugh after my Mom died. I don't think I ever told him that. He was my Dad's best friend. When Dad was sick, he'd visit him every day, no matter what. I think what I will miss the most is his laugh. It was this big, wicked laugh with this twinkle in his eye...like he was always up to something. He was always my favorite uncle, and I loved him very much. It makes me happy to know he's with my Mom and Dad in Heaven. Maybe they're playing cards and having a beer...I hope God lets them have the real thing, because Dad and Uncle Robert would say that fake stuff was garbage. God bless you Uncle Robert, and I'll be seeing you again someday. Love, Dena

March 21 at 2:18 PM

LC

Larry & Michele Cole posted:

WE LOVED UNCLE ROBERT AND WILL MISS HIM. OUR CONDOLENCES TO DONNA, ROBIN, ANDREW & CARRINGTON. UNCLE ROBERT ALWAYS HAD A JOKE & A SMILE. HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY SHOWED IN HIS KINDNESS & GENEROSITY. LOVE, BUTCH & MICHELE

March 21 at 2:02 PM

AP

Andrew Piper posted:

He will be missed and forever loved!

March 21 at 1:32 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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