



# Richard Hammel

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**D**ecatur-Richard 'Richie' Hammel, 71, of Decatur passed away 6:50 pm Thursday, May 27, 2010 in his home, surrounded by his family.

Services to celebrate Richie's life will be 11:00 am Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Kaley officiating. Services will conclude with interment in Macon County Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 5 ' 8 pm on Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be directed to Decatur Junior Golf and Decatur Hospice. Online memories and condolences may be shared with Richie's family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Richie was born July 26, 1938 in Decatur the son of William C. and Pauline I. (Hinkle) Hammel. He attended Sunnyside Grade School, Latham Jr. High, and graduated from Warrensburg Latham High School; he also attended Millikin University. Richie married Betty Sue Koger January 4, 1958. She preceded him in death on September 13, 1999.

Richie worked for the Decatur Park District for 35 years, retiring in 1996. He was the golf pro at Scovill Golf Course from 1962 ' 1974 and Fairies Park Golf Course from 1975 ' 1996. He was a lifetime member of the PGA of America. Richie also attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

He enjoyed traveling with family, especially the winter vacations with Betty Sue and watching their children play golf. Also enjoyed playing golf with family and friends and traveling to the south for golf vacations with various groups! Enjoyed spending time with his children, grand children, and great-grand children. Enjoyed reading the bible and the scriptures each day. Also enjoyed studying the bible weekly with



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Jehovah Witnesses and good friends Max and Martha.

Survivors include sons Kevin, Scott and Steve of Decatur, and daughter Penny of Florida. Grandchildren Mary Hammel, Cara Hammel, Brandi Bridgeman, Allie Hammel, and Colten Hammel. Great grandchildren Amia Taylor, Brylon Williams, Cortez William Woodland, and Kaylee Marie Bridgeman. Brothers Joe (Teri) Hammel and Jim (Jann) Hammel and sisters Sue Koshinski and Becky (Paul) Mullen. Many wonderful nieces and nephew.



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SH

**Shewhenerow** posted:

Hello,Your really have very cool site!Can i subscribe to your RSS if your have?!?!?!Please mail me about it...

February 24 at 6:47 AM

MR

**Mrtesty** posted:

Delete shis text plz. Sorry

January 31 at 3:26 AM

MM

**Manny Pacquiao Vs Shane Mosley** posted:

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January 11 at 8:03 AM

GN

**Get Ripped Nutrition** posted:

lerwjzlpadkblpqubewz, Alright notable evaluation get ripped nutrition inc , tmthlsx.

December 7 at 1:35 PM

TT

**To Increase Testosterone** posted:

yohgzbnnrbslvsmszatz, increase testosterone levels naturally hgh , whgkwnl.

December 1 at 12:33 PM

DO

**Dormafferodet** posted:

Hi all. How are you?

November 7 at 9:10 AM





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JW

**Jay Waddell** posted:

What a wonderful person Mr. Hamel was. I started playing golf after my ball playing days were over and thought about taking up golf. I tried it out and after becoming frustrated finally got up the courage to ask for help. So it was that Mr. hamel came into my life. After a few lessons and a few tips here and there, things got better. After that when things werent going well it was off to see him at Faries. I would ask if he had time to come and help me on the driving range, and not once did he deny me. Actually truth be known now, he wouldnt charge me for lessons, as he said it would be robbing me to make me pay for what would usually take him a few swings to fix. I love the game and it is because of him. God bless you Richard Hamel and god keep you in his loving arms. To the Hamel family may god comfort you in this time of sorrow, but rest assured your dad was one heck of a man. I am glad I personally knew him.

May 30 at 4:53 PM

PR

**Paul A. Reinking, Pga** posted:

I am so pleased that the PGA had the opportunity to honor Richie and recognize one of the very best PGA Professionals. He touch so many lives and taught the great game of golf as well as the life lessons of honesty, integrity, and fair play. We are all better people for having known Richie and I am extremely proud to had his friendship. My sympathies to the entire family and the Decatur golf community for their loss. His memories will bring us comfort. Paul A. Reinking PGA Professional Kankakee Country Club

May 29 at 4:13 PM



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

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



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