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Decatur-Richard E. “Pete” Reish, 63, of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at his residence.

Memorial services to celebrate Pete’s life will be 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with the “Flight Home” Ceremony concluding the service. Memorial visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children’s Hospital. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Pete was born August 14, 1945 in Assumption, Illinois the son of Charles William and Alice Lucille (Jackson) Reish. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict and in the Naval Reserves. He was employed as an electrician at Caterpillar, retiring after thirty-eight years of service. He was a member of the Moweaqua Masonic Lodge #180 and the Decatur Moose Lodge. He was an avid Green Bay Packer Fan and golfer. Pete enjoyed spending time with his family.

He leaves behind his daughters; Angie Reish, Amy Skelton and husband Gregory, and Kelly Kuhn and husband Zachary all of Decatur, brothers; Charles Reish and wife Carolyn of Moweaqua and Ronald Reish and wife Linda of Granite City, Illinois, and his beloved grandchildren; Kalin, Ashlyn, Payton, and Macy.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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JM

Janet And Larry Morrell posted:

We are thinking of you girls today and everyday. Each day brings another cherished memory of him and all he stood for.

April 12 at 6:03 AM

NL

Nick Larry posted:

to Pete's family, pete was a very good friend of mine. he taught me many things about eletronics at cat. he introduced me to gulf and i was his partner for six years.i have only shed tears for a couple of men in my own family before, but i shed alot for my good friend Pete. i was out of town with my wife and son and his family when Pete had his service and i'm sorry we couldn't be there.Pete always bragged up his grandchildren and loved all of you deeply. with all are love we hope God easies your pain. from Nick and Cheryl Larry

March 28 at 12:41 PM

LJ

Lori Johnson posted:

My husband and I were so saddened to hear of Pete's death. We lived down the road (1772 Hunt Ct) from Pete for ~ 7 years. We just moved to Peoria in May, and he helped check in on the house until it sold. He was the best neighbor; always willing to help. Pete was really someone you could count on for whatever you needed. My husband and I liked to call him the dog whisperer because he could make our dogs behave like no other! The world lost one of the greats the day he passed. Please accept our condolences and happy memories of a truly great man.

March 24 at 7:42 AM

MN

Mary Ann And Jim Noren posted:

Being that my brother was 18 yrs older than myself, I was raised with my 3 loving nephews. Pete always made me proud of him for being such a good father and to all his family and friends. After Pete retired and had his children raised, he lived his life to the fullest. He loved singing, golf and just making people happy. From the start of his illness to his passing, when you asked him how he was doing his answer was always the same, "Don't worry about me, I'm just fine." I loved him dearly and will always fill him near me.

March 23 at 7:10 AM



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SJ

Sherri,Rick,& Zak Jones posted:

PETE,I ALWAYS FELT LIKE WE HAD A BOND,WE SHARED THE MOST PRECIOUS OF ALL, OUR GRANDCHILDREN. ONLY YOU COULD'VE KNOWN HOW WONDERFUL THEY ARE. YOU WERE THE MOST WONDERFUL GRANDPA TO THEM AND THEY ALL ADORED YOU. EVEN THE OTHER KIDS ALL LOVED YOU TOO.ZAK,TJ,KENZIE & THE REST THEY ALL LOVED YOU. YOU HAVE THREE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS & I KNOW YOU'LL STILL BE WATCHING OVER THEM FROM ABOVE. NO ONE CAN EVER TAKE YOUR PLACE, YOU WILL SO MISSED BY EVERYONE. I PROMISE YOU I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE THERE FOR AMY,GREG,& THE GRANDKIDS. WE ALL LOVED YOU PETE & I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WE WILL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN,IN HEAVEN.LOVE SHERRI,RICK, & ZAK JONES

March 21 at 5:55 PM

MH

Max & Carol Hutchens posted:

We are on vacation and cannot attend services. We were sad to hear about Pete's passing. We both attended school with him and have a lot of fond memories. Please know that we are thinking of the family at this time. Please accept our condolences.

March 21 at 12:04 PM

PP

Perry And Kathy Pellegrini posted:

Pete had a spirit about him that is rare in anyone. He was full of fun, hard working, did not know the meaning of sitting still. He truly loved his family and was so proud of each of them. He was very giving and so much fun to be with. He loved to sing and be happy, he will be in our hearts forever and missed always.

March 21 at 7:03 AM

RM

Randy Morrell posted:

Condolences need to go to the imediate family to be sure! For you all, Girls, brothers, and especially grandchildren, but to extended family and literally everyone who knew Pete too. That is the kind of affect he had on anyone who knew him. With Pete, I must note his generosity and lack of selfishness. He was arguably one of most talented small town athletes to come out of Illinois sports in the sixties. But did you ever get that feeling from him...even then? No! My thoughts of Pete will be the many many times of laughter: Throwing the pickle in the back of a truck coming home from the state fair... on a dare, cob fights behind the big house in Assumption, walking uptown to the movies together in the summer, and many more! Say hi to our family's sweetheart, Pete, and your mentor...Grandma Jackson. miss you Pete!

March 21 at 5:25 AM



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CB

Chuck Black posted:

Girls;I knew Pete in the reserves. I had a blast hanging out with him. He and I served on an AT down in Florida years ago. We worked hard and had a goodtime "giving each other a hard time!"He was a good guy who cared for you kids very much, we always heard about you girls and what you were up to. I will miss him.

March 20 at 7:39 PM

GS

George&Sherrie Syfert posted:

pete was a good man and a dear friend, we will miss him. he was fun and such a joy to be with. sincerely george and sherrie.

March 20 at 2:57 PM

BW

Bob Whitmer posted:

So sorry to hear about Pete's passing. He was a good guy to work with, and I know he'll be missed by all!

March 20 at 10:57 AM

CF

Ce1 Michael Faught posted:

Pete was one of the first Sea Bees that I met when I joined the unit. He was a good friend and a good Sea Bee. I received a tape recording from him when I was deployed in '91. He sill be missed by all. God Bless.

March 20 at 9:13 AM

KL

Kenzie Longfellow posted:

Papa Pete always counted me as a granddaughter to him and I counted him as a grandfather too. I loved him soooo much and I will never forget him. But i will accept that he is in his own golf heaven!

March 19 at 2:55 PM



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JL

Josh & Stacey Longfellow posted:

Papa Pete as our kids called him was a man full of life. We always looked forward to him singing his favorites songs and giving our brother/sis n law hell. He will be truly missed. God Bless Him.

March 19 at 2:46 PM

RR

Ronald Reish posted:

I have read all of the entry that Pete's friends have written. Many of them brought tears to my eyes. I knew that Pete was a special person and I am not suprised that so many others have have the same feelings. I will miss my brother very much. And I am also thankful that I still have an older brother, that I also love and respect very much. Pete was a caretaker. He raised three grils by himself and took very good care of his mother. For his love, friendship and caring of other people, I am sure that God has a special place for him. I LOVE YOU PETE.

March 19 at 2:45 PM

TR

Tina Reish posted:

Pete was my uncle by marriage. He was a kind, sweet, giving man who was devoted to his family and very proud of all of them. He had a wonderful sense of humor and I've never seen him when he wasn't smiling, no matter what circumstances life brought his way. Anyone who had him as a friend or family member, could count themselves as a fortunate person. He will be missed by many, but be treasured always in our hearts as we reflect upon the many wonderful memories he's given to us all.

March 19 at 1:12 PM

AW

Allison And Josh Whitney posted:

Just wanted to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. We didn't know him that long but the time we did was great. Log and Lane still call him by Papa Pete. We'll never forget the karaoke singing and Pete making Josh sing Shania Twain. What a good time was had by all when Pete was around. He will never be forgotten. You are in our prayers and thoughts.

March 19 at 11:43 AM



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BM

Bonnie Matthews posted:

When someone cherished leaves this earthly world, it provides those left behind with a tremendous sorrow. But isn't it wonderful when that person has touched so many lives that everyone who speaks of them has only good things to say, and memories that make them smile. Peter was that kind of person. He was a cherished friend to my husband Scott, and through their friendship I came to know him as well. I have had the pleasure of hearing his beautiful voice sing Kareoke, and when he would call the house and I answered he Always said "Hello Sweetie"! He cherished his children and grandchildren as well as his faithful companion Briana. There are many memories we could all share about how we know Pete such as his "Swine shrine" he was so proud of, his love for peanut butter cookies, the Green Bay Packers, golf etc. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He was an inspiration to everyone and displayed great dignity with his most recent battle. May you rest in peace Mr. Peter.

March 19 at 7:25 AM

CR

Chuck Reish posted:

Pete was my baby brother. I can remember the day he was born. We didn't know it at the time, but that turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to our family. I called pete every day checking on him. I went up one or two times a week and we would go for coffee or lunck. He loved to tease the waitress's. I will miss my brother very much. he was more than a brother, he was my friend.

March 19 at 7:09 AM

DS

Diane & Jeff Shoen posted:

Abby spoke often, Amy, about how special your dad was. "A really good guy" was her frequent description & I certainly feel it is my loss not having known him. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.

March 19 at 7:06 AM

MJ

Matt Jurgens posted:

PETE WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND AND WILL BE MISSED. I KNOW THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL PLACE IN HEAVEN FOR PACKER FANS.

March 19 at 6:43 AM



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AS

Abby Shoen posted:

Pete was a great man. He was always so willing to help with anything. He will be dearly missed. I will keep him and the family in my thoughts and prayers.

March 19 at 6:14 AM

TS

Todd & Ashley Skelton posted:

We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

March 19 at 4:49 AM

SM

Scott Matthews posted:

If you were Pete's friend consider yourself special and lucky for it was truly an honor. I want so much to call you and see how you are doing today, to go to lunch or to play golf. We had a special friendship together and we were always there for each other. You taught me so much and I know you will always be looking over my shoulder helping me on my way. The thing you taught me the most was how to be a friend because my good man you were truly mine. I will miss you but I will never forget you. Amy, Kelly, and Angie, your father was a special man. Thank you for sharing him with me.

March 19 at 4:11 AM

LP

Lonnie And Sheila Page posted:

We sure did love Pete. So glad we could be friends with him for all these years. We will sure miss him. He was always happy-go-lucky, even when things weren't going well. He loved his family and his dog, and that is what made him the happiest. Our thoughts and prayers are with all three of you girls and your families, and for the rest of Pete's loved ones.

March 18 at 6:57 PM



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LM

Larry Morrell posted:

Pete was not only my cousin but he was my best friend and Pal. I'll always remember our love for the Green Bay Packers and love of football in general. I remember the things that happened on our trips to Green Bay, like him running the map and getting us lost, fishing together, and our Nascar trips. They were always funny because he made them that way. The things he did to me in fun or as a joke are now and always will be remembered as well as all the things he did for me as my best pal. When he and I were together he always did his share, paid his share and then some and shared his opinions and then some sometimes. He will always be in my thoughts. I have lost another one of my best friends . My life is running out of them. I have a great family but "PALS"like Pete come only once in a life time and I've lost mine.

March 18 at 6:29 PM

JM

Janet Morrell posted:

Pete was a great man and friend. He was good to everyone with a kind word and a gentle smile .He was wonderful to his family,helping and giving of himself in every way. His mother was very blessed to have him as he took the most wonderful care of her. He has great girls and families and two wonderful brothers and families whom I love all so very much. He will be greatly missed and admired forever. One thing I'll always remember is our feud over which one of us made the best vegetable soup.I think mine was best dear friend. Also the way he always loved my ham salad. He truly touched my life in many many ways and for that I am forever grateful. Yes we have lost a great man and friend but he will live in our hearts forever.

March 18 at 6:11 PM

KL

Kathy Lowe posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with your family.

March 18 at 5:46 PM

AS

Ashlyn Skelton posted:

Pete was my papa. Out of his four grandchildren, I was the one who saw him the most. He would always prank me on birthdays. He would always say I was the apple of his eye. I will always love him and I will always remember him. I promise to take care of Bri the best I ca

March 18 at 5:11 PM



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BF

Bob & Melinda Frantz posted:

To Pete's family, we are so sorry for your loss. He was one of the most special persons and friend we will ever know. We all have many wonderful memories of Peter. We truly lost a giant of a man.

March 18 at 8:30 AM

JT

Janet Tendick posted:

I am one of Pete's many cousins (I'm Aunt Ethel's daughter). Pete was a very special person and we will all miss him very much. Amy, Kelly and the rest of the family – I want to send you my prayers and thoughts to comfort you at this time. Pete was very proud of his daughters and grandchildren. He will continue to watch over all of you. God's blessings, Janet

March 18 at 5:54 AM

SS

Susan Shaw posted:

I'm one of Ernie Jackson granddaughter Susan Peterson Shaw (Betty's Daughter). I can remember all the family reunions we went to, even when I was a kid. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.

March 18 at 3:17 AM

KM

Kenny & Michelle Mcglade posted:

Amy & family, we are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

March 17 at 6:03 PM

JS

Jan Sweitzer posted:

Amy & Kelly and Family! just heard about the passing of your father and I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless

March 17 at 9:43 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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