



William Leslie Sheppard

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William Leslie “Bill” Sheppard, 84, of Decatur, Illinois, passed away November 20, 2023, at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital.

Bill was born in Pontiac, Illinois, on August 2, 1939, the son of William P. and Anne (Kindred) Sheppard. He married Nancy Emerick from Brimfield, Illinois, on August 13, 1960, in Pontiac, Illinois. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Illinois State University and became a teacher at Roosevelt Junior High in Decatur, Illinois. After several years, he began a 34-year career as an industrial engineer at Firestone in Decatur. Bill was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Civil War Roundtable, and a faithful member of Holy Family Parish in Decatur. In his spare time, he enjoyed golf, fishing, traveling, and playing bridge. He was a passionate Sudoku puzzler. He loved spending time with his family.

Bill is survived by his wife Nancy; children Leslie Sheppard of Decatur, William J. (Trish) Sheppard of Emmitsburg, Maryland, Robert (Amy) Sheppard of Downers Grove, Illinois, and Brian (Jeff) Sheppard of Decatur; siblings Patricia Bromley and David (Melissa) Sheppard; grandchildren Matthew Sheppard, Ryan Sheppard, and Chloe Sheppard; several nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Daniel Sheppard, sister-in-law Patricia Sheppard, brother-in-law Bill Bromley, stepmother Alice (Brave) Roloff, and stepsisters Judy (and husband Donald) Schultheis and Susan (and husband Mike) Dunne.

Funeral Mass for Bill will be celebrated at 11am on Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family Parish in Decatur. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the Mass. Burial in Macon County Memorial Park will follow the Mass.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Family Parish. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.






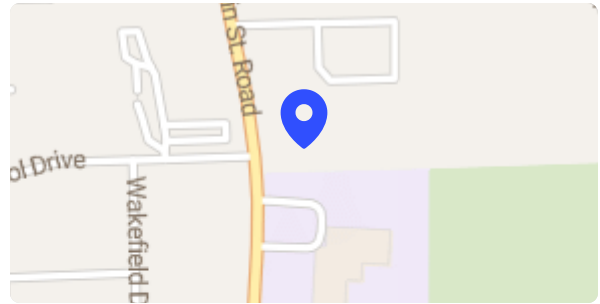
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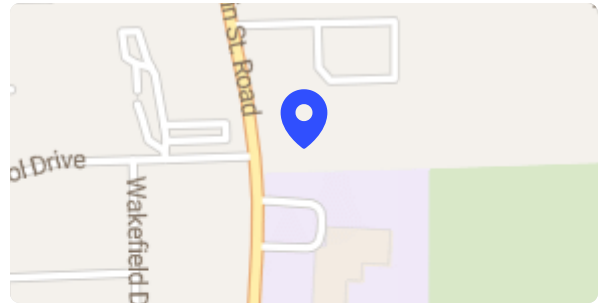
Visitation

-  **Saturday**, December 16, 2023
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **Holy Family Catholic Church**
2450 South Franklin Street, Decatur IL 62521





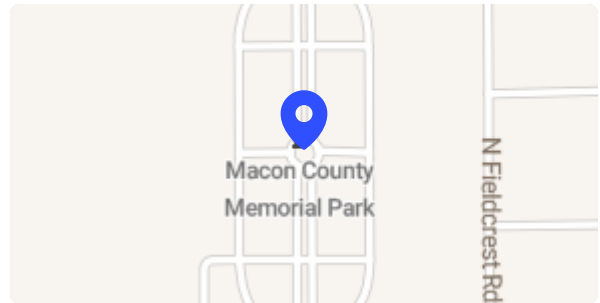
Funeral Mass

-  **Saturday**, December 16, 2023
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Holy Family Catholic Church**
2450 South Franklin Street, Decatur IL 62521




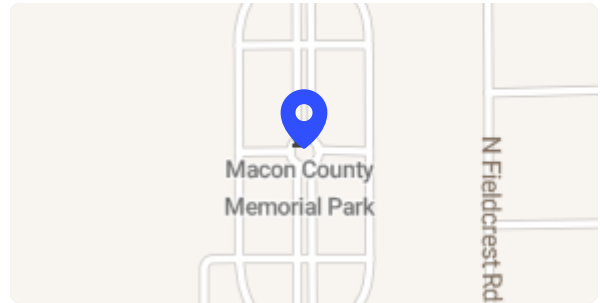
Burial Following Services

-  **Saturday**, December 16, 2023
-  **Macon County Memorial Park**
5700 W. Main, Decatur IL 62522



Cemetery Details

-  **Macon County Memorial Park**
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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Sheppard family.



December 14 at 8:24 AM



Faith Carr posted:

To Leslie and Family, I have so many fond childhood and early adult life memories of visiting your home. Your parents made me feel welcome every time. Your dad will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your mother, brothers, and their families during this time. We greatly wish that we could be there to celebrate your dad's life. We will offer masses and prayers in his honor. God Bless, Faith, and Jim Carr

December 11 at 1:07 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sheppard family.



December 10 at 8:04 AM



Pat, Terri And Jeff, Luann And Wayne planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



December 10 at 8:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sheppard family.



December 10 at 4:19 AM



Ruth S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



December 2 at 1:35 PM



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Michelle Burcham posted:

My Condolences to the family. I remember the Sheppard family when they live in larkdale, we lived 2 houses down from them and used to play with Leslie, Billy and Bobby. Very nice man so sorry for your loss.

November 23 at 6:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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