



John Earl Travis Sr.

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John Earl Travis, Sr., 97, passed away February 17, 2025, at Mt. Zion Health and Rehabilitation Center.

John was born in Decatur, Illinois, on June 6, 1927, the son of Earl Edward Travis and Aileen Youtha (Landrith) Travis. He married Shirley McCurdy on April 19, 1957, in Decatur. John was a member of the 1945 graduating class of Decatur High School. John served honorably in the U.S. Navy, graduating from bootcamp on VJ Day. After his service to our country, he returned to Decatur and began working at AE Staley. He worked in the 60 Building for most of his 43 years there (1944-1987). After retiring, he was an active volunteer in the lab at Decatur Memorial Hospital and at Decatur Airport through the Decatur Area Visitors Bureau. He was a faithful member of Trinity Church of the Nazarene, where he held many volunteer positions.

John is survived by his wife Shirley; children John (Barbara) Travis Jr. and Janet (Michael) Loehr; grandchildren Amanda (Phillip) Shouse, Chris Heck, Kim Huff, and Harrison Meaux III; and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mary Ewing, an infant son, and granddaughter Bethany Heck.

John's family extends the following message: "Thank you to the members of Trinity Church of the Nazarene who visited my dad, and please continue to visit my mother. Huge thanks to the wonderful staff at Mt. Zion Health and Rehab. You took excellent care of my daddy and thank you for continuing your excellent care of my momma. You have become family to us."

A graveside service for John will be held at 10am on Saturday, March 1, at Macon County Memorial Park. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.





Events


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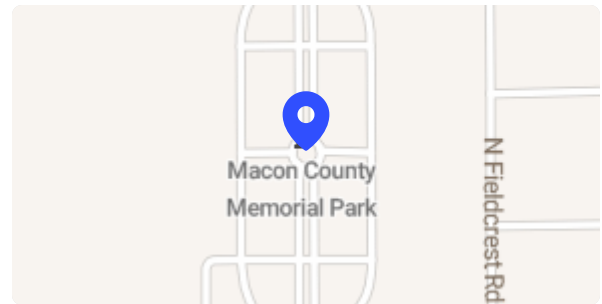
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Graveside Service with Military Rites


 **Saturday**, March 1, 2025

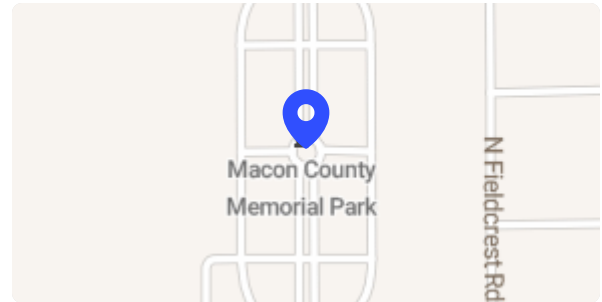
 10:00 AM CT

 **Macon County Memorial Park**
5700 W. Main, Decatur IL 62522



Cemetery Details

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Joyce Sweeney posted:

I'm having trouble getting my messages through. So sorry for your loss. Joyce Hathaway Sweeney

May 24 at 5:16 PM



Joyce Sweeney posted:

I am sorry about your loss. I tried to send my condolences but it didn't go through !! will keep you in my prayers Joyce Hathaway Sweeney from Hot Springs Arkansas

May 24 at 5:14 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

February 25 at 10:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Travis family.

February 25 at 10:55 AM



Harbor Freight 2960 sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Travis family.

February 21 at 11:26 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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