



# Leon "Pete" Fornwalt

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**L**eon "Pete" Fornwalt, 91, of Forsyth, IL, passed away Monday, May 26, 2025.

Pete was born May 29, 1933, in Forsyth, son of James "Frank" and Sophia Fornwalt. He married Ruby May Tucker on October 3, 1954. He worked at A.E. Staley Mfg. Co. for 35 years in various positions, the last being in 20 Bldg. - Pack & Load. He also had a small business as a wallpaper hanger and painter that he continued long after his retirement from Staleys.

Pete enjoyed being around people, making new friends and creating smiles with his wittiness.

He was truly a wonderful father.

Pete will be greatly missed by his surviving family: daughter, Elaine (Bud) Cripe of Decatur; granddaughters, Terri (Dan) Moore and Kristi Palmer, both of Decatur; great-grandsons, Andrew (Krystal) Bennett of Findlay, Daniel (Shaina) Bennett of Bethany and Oliver (Kara Bratton) Palmer of Decatur; and five great-great-grandchildren, Bailey, Dezi, Rase, Bre and Trintin.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his son, Bill; brothers, Elwood, Kenneth and Floyd; sisters, Faye, Dorothy, Suzanne, Enid Whiteside and Vera Engle.

Visitation for Pete will be from 10am to 11am on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. A funeral service will begin at 11am after the visitation. Burial in Fairlawn Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Homes [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



# Events

**Leon "Pete" Fornwalt**

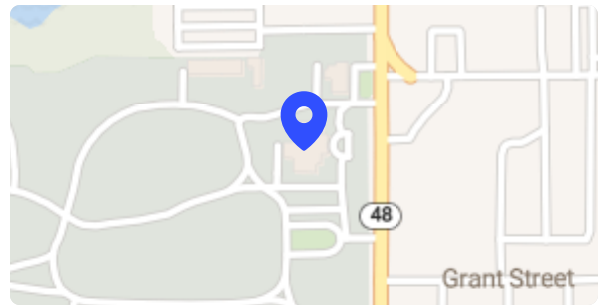
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## Visitation


 **Tuesday**, June 3, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**  
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

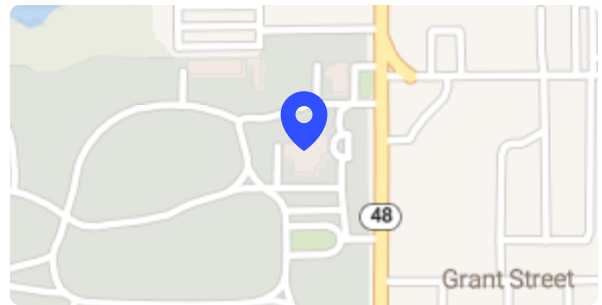


## Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, June 3, 2025


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

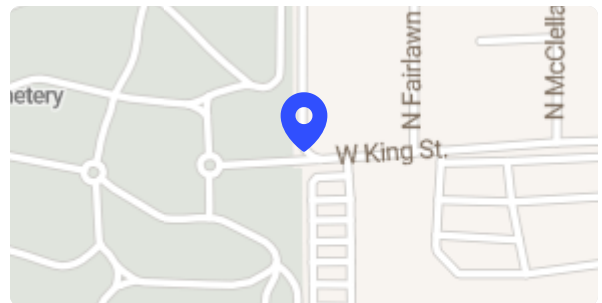
 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**  
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



## Cemetery Details

 **Fairlawn Cemetery**  
1600 W. King St., Decatur IL 62522

 **(217) 615-0724**





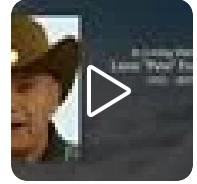
## Tribute Wall

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**Graceland Fairlawn** shared a **Video**.



June 2 at 7:59 AM



**Shawne Wempen** posted:

Leon, as I knew him, was a dedicated and faithful volunteer for Meals on Wheels for several years. He always made time to come and help deliver meals any time we needed him and he always greeted us with a smile. What a kind man he was. May he rest in peace! Shawne Wempen

June 5 at 7:21 PM



**Shawne Wempen** posted:

Leon as I knew him, was a dedicated volunteer for Meals on Wheels for several years. He never turned down an opportunity to help our program and was always faithful and dependable. He was a very kind and generous man. May he rest in peace! Shawne Wempen

June 5 at 7:14 PM



**Rosanne Ford** posted:

I always enjoyed spending time with my Uncle Leon and Aunt Ruby. Although we lived states apart the distance seemed to disappear when we were together. My greatest joy was watching all the brothers and sisters get together at the reunions. They enjoyed telling childhood stories while playing cards or tiles and we would always find a pie shop and bowling alley. Uncle Leon I will always miss you and remember the love you had for me and my family. Your Niece Rosanne

June 2 at 10:54 PM



**The Durst Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Fornwalt family.



June 2 at 8:37 AM



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**Crusaders Church** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Fornwalt family.



June 2 at 8:31 AM



**Sonja Songer** posted:

I loved spending time with Pete as his Chaplain. He was always ready to smile. He had a good personality and sense of humor. Pete will be missed. Sonja L. Songer The Arc - Chaplain

May 29 at 3:34 PM



## Media

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June 2 at 7:59 AM





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

Join us in honoring Leon "Pete" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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