



## Maurice Glenn Mannlein

March 18, 1939 - October 27, 2020

Decatur - Maurice Glenn, Maurey, Mannlein of Decatur, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the age of 81.

Maurey, born March 18, 1939, in Petersburg, Nebraska, was the oldest child of Frank and Marie (née Hovelsrud) Mannlein.

He graduated from Petersburg High School, then from Wayne State College, Wayne, NE. Upon graduation, he taught high school in Nebraska communities, his last position teaching algebra, chemistry and physics at Grand Island, NE, Northwest High School.

It was in Grand Island where he met Arlene Chester; they married July 30, 1967, in McCook, NE. He spent a summer studying through a National Science Foundation Grant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln before deciding to return to the university to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

He joined Caterpillar Inc. in 1970. After a year of training at different sites, he was relocated to the Decatur Caterpillar plant, where he devoted most of his 30-year career to designing hydraulic systems of wheel tractor scrapers. He retired as senior design engineer in 2000.

Maurey was a life-long Lutheran and a great "fixer." He could figure out how to make nearly anything work again, from a car to a vacuum cleaner, but his skills extended to plumbing, electrical work, or building something from scratch. He was also a huge Nebraska football fan and liked watching games live or on television. But his true pride and joy were his two children and four granddaughters.

He is survived by his widow, Arlene; his children Jeffrey (Olivia) Mannlein of Decatur, IL, and Melinda (Jeffrey) Clark of Morton, IL; grandchildren Emily and Hannah Mannlein, Elena and Mila Clark; brother Terry Mannlein of Castle Rock, CO; sister Sharon Lindeman of Downers Grove, IL; nephew Bryan Mannlein of Thornton, CO; and niece Kari Lindeman

of Durham, NC.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Art Lindeman; and sister-in-law, Sheila Mannlein.

Visitation will be from 10:30 am until the service time of 11 am, Saturday, October 31, 2020, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Entombment will follow in the Star of Hope Mausoleum at Graceland Cemetery.

A public memorial service will be arranged at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.

Streaming services will be available at 11 am, Saturday, October 31, 2020 by clicking on the following link: <http://webcast.funeralrecording.com/events/viewer/39513/hash:4D80A0BC290262BB>.

Memorials may be directed to the American Stroke Association via <http://www.stroke.org>; First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL or donor's choice.

# Cemetery

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## Star of Hope Mausoleum / Graceland Cemetery

2091 N. Oakland Ave.

Decatur, IL, 62526

# Events

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**OCT 31 Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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**OCT 31 Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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**OCT 31 Entombment**

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# Comments

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“ Dear Arlene,

So sorry for your loss. I know you and your family took excellent care of him.. He will have many loving memories of your care and devotion. I remember the times we all went to the Trivia Contests and the knowledge and warm regards Maurry shared with the group. I am sure you are indeed blessed with many wonderful memories of your time together with Maurry and your family. I will share his service with my son Ron and his new wife, Angie. They are looking for a church which is accepting of gay and queer people as Angie is a huge supporter of gay and queer rights and led a group of these kids at the last school she taught, E Peoria HS. He is now a Vice President at Tate and Lyle here in Decatur.

Love and warmest regards to you all,  
Sue A Ingram  
3845 E Skyline Dr  
Decatur  
(217)620-7050

**Sue Ingram** - October 31, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maurice Glenn Mannlein.



October 30, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ Maury and I worked together for a few years. He was one of the best engineers I ever worked with and saved me many times from making mistakes especially with hydraulics. He was a quiet guy and never got the credit due but I think the good Lord is giving him credit now. He sure liked those Cornhuskers.

**Gary Freese** - October 29, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Maurey's passing. I remember his smile and good nature most from our days at Christ Lutheran. It was also good to see both you and Maurey Arlene at the Christmas and other holiday services at First Lutheran as well. My parents loved you both and it was fun celebrating their milestones at the house with good friends like the two of you. Maurey will be missed. Cheers to a life well-lived and blessings for peace! Abby Wieland LaSala (and hubby Bob too).

Abby LaSala - October 29, 2020 at 01:01 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maurice Glenn Mannlein.



October 29, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ Of course I knew Maury at Cat. He started with Cat the same year I did. He always struck me as intense about his work. I taught some of the print reading classes in Decatur and Maury was a source of help for any of the more complex questions, especially relating to tolerances. We were not close but appreciated his knowledge about tractor scrapers and hydraulics.

Daniel Pullum - October 29, 2020 at 12:22 PM

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“ May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

American Stroke Association - October 29, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. I remember working with Maurey in the early days of my career at Caterpillar.  
Thank you  
Mark Snoke

**Mark Snoke** - October 29, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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“ Hugs, Cheryl Delcour purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maurice Glenn Mannlein.



**Hugs, Cheryl Delcour** - October 29, 2020 at 11:24 AM

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“ Terry & Bryan Mannlein and Sharon & Kari Lindeman purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Maurice Glenn Mannlein.



**Terry & Bryan Mannlein and Sharon & Kari Lindeman** - October 29, 2020 at 11:08 AM

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“ We were very sorry to learn of Maurey's passing. I have good memories of him when we worked together at Caterpillar. We were aware of his major difficulties after his stroke. Arlene, you were a wonderful wife and caregiver for Maurey, especially helping him get out and about to see people and enjoy life as much as he was able.  
Sincerely, Paul and Verlyn Rosenberger

**Paul & Verlyn Rosenberger** - October 29, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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“ Our sympathy to some of our most treasured friends. Although we didn't see each other much since we moved we will miss him very much.

**Carl & Carol Fisher** - October 28, 2020 at 05:09 PM