



Alva Leslie Griest

May 4, 1927 - March 23, 2017

Alva Leslie Griest, 89, of Kankakee, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 23, 2017 with his wife of 50 years at his side.

He was born May 4, 1927 in Woodland, IL, the son of Alva and Fleetie (Pellam) Griest.

Mr. Griest was a veteran of World War II and served overseas with the U.S. Navy Seabees in Okinawa, Japan from 1945 to 1946.

He was married to his wife Sharon (Hammer) on September 17, 1966.

Mr. Griest worked for the U.S. Government for more than 46 years at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant and the Rock Island Arsenal.

Surviving are his wife, of Kankakee; one son and one daughter-in-law, Steve (Marge) Griest of Oswego, IL; one granddaughter, Megan Griest of Oswego, IL; three sisters-in-law, Karen McKnight of Crest Hill, IL, Bessie Griest of Rantoul, IL, Catherine Griest of Crete, IL; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers, Hiram, Jewel, Howard and Jack Griest; and three sisters, Waneta Lawson, Marjorie Myers and Helen Cravens.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, also at the funeral home, with the Rev. Scott Henley presiding. Interment with full military honors will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. Memorials in Alva's name to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Our hearts go out to you and your family. Alva was a great guy and always enjoyed being around him because he'd make us laugh and also make us think so we always came away with something good. Just know that God is with you and will carry you thru this time of sorrow because He loves you. Love, Dave and Sandra Brown*

Sandra Brown - March 25, 2017 at 11:50 PM