



Bruce Eckle

August 29, 1932 - June 22, 2009

Bruce W. Eckle, 76, of Kankakee, went to be with the Lord Monday (June 22, 2009) at his home, surrounded by his loved ones. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held at 5 p.m. Friday followed at 6 p.m. with a memorial service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Dr. Douglas Gallagher will officiate. He was born Aug. 29, 1932, in Sandwich, the son of Joseph and Florence Eckle Giroux of Aurora. He was a graduate of Kankakee High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a corporal from 1951-1954. While serving in the military he received a Korean Service Medal, a United Nations Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. Bruce married Betty Lou Walker of Kankakee on Feb. 14, 1953 at Central Christian Church, also in Kankakee. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. He was also a member of the Kankakee VFW Post 2857. He was employed by A.O. Smith as a machinist for 32 years. He also worked at Ivex Corporation, where he had the honor of being the first retiree. Bruce was an avid fisherman and also enjoyed hunting, golfing and traveling. He loved his family and enjoyed family get-togethers. He is survived by his wife, Betty; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Tammy Eckle of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Bud Kovich of Fogelsville, Pa.; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Virginia and Robert Chick of Florida, Pat King of Aurora; brothers-in-law, Bill Walker of Aurora, Nick Goetzinger of Missouri; sister-in-law, Joyce Snodgrass of Kankakee; four grandchildren, Ashley Eckle, Matthew Gallagher, Mitchel Gallagher, Eric Kovich; four great-

grandchildren, Colin Gallagher, Tyler Gallagher, Aiden Kovich and Autumn Kovich. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph; and three sisters, Peggy, Dorothy and Natalie. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests those wishing to remember Bruce consider a gift in his name to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the First Church of the Nazarene.

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“ Betty and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of
Bruce's passing. ĩ½We know this is a very sad and difficult time for
you. ĩ½We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love and Prayers
Dorothy Walton & Family
Katy Spivey & Family
Della McGuire & Family
Fran Cooper & Family##imported-begin##Sonja
McWilliams##imported-end##

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“ Betty, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bruce
will be missed##imported-begin##John##imported-end##

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“ Dear Betty & family,

my heart goes out to you at this time.

Love you in Christ,

God is good,

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“ *½You all are in our prayers !

Patty & Verl Overright##imported-begin##Patty&Verl Overright##imported-end##*

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“ *Bruce was an all around good guy and great co-worker. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Rich Jensen##imported-end##*

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