



Brunell J. Dupuis

February 3, 1924 - March 17, 2019

Brunell J. Dupuis, age 95, of Kankakee passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born February 3, 1924 in Rockville Township, the son of Edward E. & Eva M. (Gregoire) Dupuis. Brunell married Angela M. "Lee" Tricarico on September 22, 1946 in Bradley Beach, NJ. She preceded him in death on February 21, 2014.

Brunell retired from Henkel/General Mills after 38 years of service.

Brunell was a first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps, having served during World War II with the Fourteenth Air Force, also known as the Flying Tigers. He was a bomber pilot with the 341st bombardment group and flew B-25's and A-26's. The 341st received a Distinguished Unit Citation for developing a bombing technique for use against bridges. Brunell's decorations include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 bronze stars, the American Theater Ribbon, and the China Memorial Ribbon.

Brunell was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vintage Squadron. His hobbies included playing euchre, bowling, fishing, and playing horseshoes. He enjoyed dancing, and Brunell and his wife won a bronze medal from the Arthur Murray Dancing Schools. For many years, he played Santa Clause at area schools and nursing homes.

Brunell was a parishioner of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, now known as St. John Paul II- West Campus. He served as an usher for many years.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diane & Don Gilles of Henderson, NV, Rosemary O'Connor of Normal, and Teresa & Michael Mau of

Kankakee; seven grandchildren, Ryan & Sarah O'Connor, Erin & Ryan Watts, Megan O'Connor, Michael & Alyson Gilles, Heather Gilles, Zachary Mau, and Lauren Mau; ten great-grandchildren; and one sister, Janet Blanchette of Kankakee. In addition to his wife, Lee Dupuis, Brunell was preceded in death by one son, Edward Dupuis; his parents; and two brothers, Robert Dupuis and Paul Dupuis.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral mass on Friday, March 22, 2019 at St. John Paul II- West Campus. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Mass

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

RN

“ Dear Rosemary and family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Rosemary Nowicki

Rosemary Nowicki - March 22, 2019 at 02:51 PM

BC

“ I met 'Dupe', as he was so fondly called by all, when I worked at Henkel as Secretary in Production Engineering and he was this brilliant Chemist in the Lab. Boy, could Dupe write/correct procedures for manufacturing products in the plant. I so admired his genius!!! He was such a gentlemen and always with a twinkle in his eye. Many times after work, he would see me with my daughter Imani and comment on how blessed I was and how beautiful she was. He was right on both counts! Dupe will be sadly missed by not only his immediate family, but his extended family of Henkel employees., including me. Rest, my friend. Bev Cobb



Beverly Cobb - March 22, 2019 at 02:20 PM

LO

“ RoseMary: Prayers to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. I lost my Mom last month her funeral was on Valentine's Day.
Leila Owen



Leila Owen - March 21, 2019 at 06:35 PM

PP

“*Brunell was one of our favorite people to see when we volunteer at the Manteno Veteran's Home. He was always eager to go to Mass and had a certain place he always wanted to sit. He inquired about how we were doing and was pleasant to be around. We were honored to know him, even though it was only almost two years. We know he served his country well and was a good family man. May God bless him. We will keep him and his family in our prayers.*”

Pam and Alan Pickett - March 21, 2019 at 04:52 PM

CH

“*Cheryl Godlewski, Cna.vet Home lit a candle in memory of Brunell J. Dupuis*”



Cheryl Godlewski, cna.vet home - March 21, 2019 at 04:48 AM

CH

It was a true honor caring for Brunell.

Cheryl Godlewski, cna.vet home - March 21, 2019 at 04:50 AM

DM

“*Sorry for your loss and Prayers to the family.*”



D Murphy - March 21, 2019 at 01:34 AM

BR

“ ROSEMARY---SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS...YOUR FATHER WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE CAR PEOPLE...CONTAGIOUS SMILE AND ENGAGING PERSONALITY.

BONNIE RAEF - March 20, 2019 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ Diane, sorry to learn of your Father's passing, used to see him every few years at the Blanchette family get togethers and will always remember him as a soft spoken gentleman.

Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - March 19, 2019 at 08:08 PM

VD

“ Janet and family. All my sympathy, prayers, and love to all for your loss.



Virginia R Dominick - March 19, 2019 at 10:49 AM