



Edmund J. Karpinski

May 20, 1923 - December 21, 2013

Visitation for Edmund J. Karpinski, 90, of Manteno, will be from 9 a.m. Friday until the 10 a.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno. Deacon Joseph Cotugno will officiate. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Memorials may be made to Samaritans Purse or to the Leukemia Foundation. He passed away Saturday (Dec. 21, 2013) at his home.

Mr. Karpinski was retired from the Wyman-Gordon Co. He was born May 20, 1923, in Chicago, the son of James and Susanne Karpinski. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the medical department during World War II, and was stationed in Iran and North Africa. He was a volunteer at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno for 15 years. He was a member of the American Legion in Blue Island, the Blue Island VFW, the Blue Island Elks and the AMVETS in Manteno. He enjoyed making stained glass.

Surviving are his wife, the former Etta Cheatham, of Manteno, whom he married Feb. 15, 1987; one daughter, Patricia Karpinski, of Munster, Ind.; stepchildren, Janis and Donald Fletcher, of Bakersfield, Calif., Paul and Mary Pat Radtke, of Safety Harbor, Fla., and Julie Dechene, of Tinley Park; seven grandchildren, Ryan (Melissa) Fletcher, Kimberly Fletcher, Michelle (Chris) Denner, William (Nicole) Radtke, Kevin Radtke, Briana (Paul) Stanley, and Kacie Dechene; two great-grandchildren, Ava Fletcher and Manny Radtke;

and one sister, Pauline, of California.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elsie Karpinski; stepson, John Baran; and grandson, Scott Fletcher.

Memorials may be made to Samaritans Purse (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org>) or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org)

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Funeral Service

DEC 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you to all who attended the visitation and funeral for my father yesterday. I am grateful to Julie Radtke and Etta for making all of the arrangements. To my knowledge, my father never served in Iran ever. During WWII, he served in the medical corps as an orderly in an orthopedic hospital in Oran, Algeria, in North Africa. He helped to set up a Naval hospital which received wounded men from the Battle of Anzio in Italy. His military service was very important to him, but like many men and women of that generation, he did not speak of it much when he came home and started a new life. My dad had wanted to be a doctor, but limited finances prevented him from going to medical school as a young man. He lived a long healthy life and I am glad that he did not suffer on and on with much pain.

*Patricia A. Karpinski
daughter of Edmund Karpinski
Munster, IN*

Patricia A. Karpinski - December 28, 2013 at 08:10 AM

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“ Such a delight knowing you Ed. Always a sweet man and a wonderful friend to my father during his 8 years at the Veteran's Home. Thank you and Rest In Peace.



Sandra Freeman - December 27, 2013 at 02:28 PM