



Fred L. Keast Jr.

September 28, 1920 - April 26, 2017

Visitation for Fred L. Keast Jr. of St. Petersburg, Florida and formerly of Kankakee, will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2017 at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Graveside services with military honors, will immediately follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township. Cremation rites were accorded in Florida.

He was born September 28, 1920 in Mt. Vernon, IL, the son of Fred & Elsie Keast.

He married Evelyn P. Hardy on April 26, 1943, in St. Louis, MO. She preceded him in death in February of 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger & Cheryl and Ronald & Samantha all in Florida; four grandchildren, Douglas, Jeffery, Danielle, and Stephanie; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

Fred Keast served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945, during WW II as a medic in Europe. He worked as a journeyman construction electrician, foreman and superintendent for more than 46 years with various IBEW contractors in the Kankakee and Joliet locals.

He was the President of IBEW Local 963 for more than 25 years and started the first local electrical apprenticeship training program in his garage on the south side of Kankakee. He was a proud 70 year member of both the IBEW and the American Legion. He was also a 32nd degree mason and a dedicated family man.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 1. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee Memorial Gardens
15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jim & Maureen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Fred L. Keast Jr.* ”



Jim & Maureen Thomas - June 28, 2017 at 10:14 AM

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Fred a lovely man. He is sorely missed in our community.

Joyce Durand - June 28, 2017 at 03:26 PM