



Leonard Lambert

November 29, 1917 - May 14, 2005

Leonard A. Lambert, 87, of Kankakee, died Saturday (May 14, 2005) at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Rev. Dennis Settles will officiate. Entombment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made for Masses. Mr. Lambert was born Nov. 29, 1917 in Kankakee, the son of Adlore and Frances Healer Lambert. His wife, the former Hazel L. O'Connor, whom he married Feb. 11, 1939 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, died April 23, 2003. He was owner/operator of Len Lambert Plumbing/Heating for 35 years in Kankakee, attended Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and Gallagher Business College. He was Chief Petty Officer for the Naval Sea Bees, 123rd Battalion during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He was a charter member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, where he was a Eucharistic minister, a member of the Holy Name Society and a former member of the church council. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, member of the Elks, Moose Lodge, Kankakee American Legion, and enjoyed golf, travel and dancing. He loved his grandchildren. Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol Neese of Bradley, Joyce Irle of Kankakee, Jeannine and Stephen Grumish of Champaign, Carmen and John Moroney of College Station, Texas; seven grandchildren, Chad Neese, Lisa Richmond, Julie Fosler, Scott Grumish, Brian Irle, Lindsey Schiesser and Amy Irle; seven great-grandchildren; four

brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Julie Lambert of San Diego, Calif. Adlore "Jug" and Gerri Lambert, and Dale and Donna Lambert, all of Kankakee, and Floyd and Edie Lambert of Bradley. His parents; one sister, Doreen Smith; and two brothers, Leroy and Raymond Lambert, are deceased. He was a dedicated, loving husband, father and grandfather.



“ Joyce,
My heart breaks for you during this difficult time. I know your father was a very special man to have earned the incredible love and devotion you have bestowed upon him your whole life. The stories you've told me of him are endearing and illustrate his character and strength. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless.##imported-begin##Allison Beasley##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you at this time as always. We love you.##imported-begin##Michael & Debby Howell-Moroney##imported-end##

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