



Arthur C. "Butch" Neumann

October 22, 1922 - August 12, 2018

On Sunday, August 12, 2018, Arthur C. "Butch" Neumann of Grant Park passed away peacefully at the age of 95.

Arthur was born October 22, 1922 in Kankakee to parents Arthur and Ella Neumann. He began his career working as a pinsetter at a local bowling alley before he was drafted into the U. S. Army during the heaviest fighting of World War II.

Arthur served his country with valor and bravery, earning the Purple Heart while fighting on battlefields in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. He was wounded multiple times, and was honorably discharged from the Army as Staff Sergeant in November 1945.

Upon his return, he owned and operated a gas station in Manteno until 1952, and then worked for a pipeline company until his retirement in January of 1985.

On February 14, 1952, Arthur married his first love, Alice Rees, and they were happily married for 26 years. After her death, he married his second love, Therese Ruhm, in October 1978, and they were married for 22 years. They spent their time travelling the country in their motor home until her death in 2000.

Arthur actively supported veteran's groups and first responders in Kankakee County, including the Manteno Veterans' Home and the Bradley Police Department.

Surviving Arthur are John Ruhm, Jackie and Kenny Brock, and Joe and Dawn Ruhm, all of Phoenix, Arizona, and Julie and Steve Favre of Grant Park. Also by Buffy & Dieter Jaehn, James & Laura Neveau, and Katy Neveau.

He is also survived by Andrea & Bill Levey and their children Alayna and Lily, Jennifer, Jay and Allison Brewer, Tim Ruhm and Christy Favre, Guy Chouinard, and Judy James.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Dayle Chouinard, and his three brothers Wesley, William, and Norman Neumann.

Per Arthur's request, there will be no services held. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the River Valley Special Recreation Association, 1335 East Broadway Street, Bradley IL 60915 and to the Illinois Veteran's Home Manteno at 1 Veteran's Drive, Manteno, IL 60950 Attn: Activities Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ Arthur C. "Butch" Neumann

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Uncle Butch was one of my favorite people on the planet. He was such a wonderful, happy man. I am so sorry for your loss.

Wendy Thorpe - November 16, 2018 at 03:02 PM



“ I was honored to work with his brother Willie at Kankakee Ropers in the early 1960's. He shared some of the stories of his war-time exploits in the Pacific! I thank them for their service to our country!

Richard Miller - August 21, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ A life well lived leaves love behind to ease the pain of goodbye. My thoughts and prayers are with you.~Sherry

Sherry - August 17, 2018 at 04:28 PM