



## Dean Essington

July 30, 1930 - May 18, 2018

Dean Essington, 87, of Kankakee passed away on May 18, 2018 at home. He was born July 30, 1930 in Mona Township to Edgar and Viola (Johnson) Essington. Dean married Marjorie Lee on August 30, 1950 in Kankakee. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska during the Korean War. He continued his friendship with 3 special Army buddies for over 60 years, visiting them often in Montana, Minnesota, and Missouri. In addition to his Army buddies, he remained constant friends with Deanna and Wilbert Bertrand, for over 60 years and when they moved to GA he didn't miss a year of visiting them.

Dean was one of those very special people who never met a stranger and was a very loyal friend. He was very hardworking and retired from General Foods, Veronda's Music Store, and the Kankakee Daily Journal after working at all of them for over 35 years. He loved to travel, help anyone who asked (and even those who didn't), and after retirement thought nothing of driving to Champaign to visit his daughter and help her at her store and home on a weekly basis. Until his death he was planting gardens, flowers, pulling weeds, and mowing. He was a "give you the shirt off his back" and "Jack of all trades" type of guy. He loved his family and was known for teasing everyone, especially his nieces and nephews.

Dean was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church for over 60 years and was also a volunteer at their Thrift Store for many years.

He is survived by his wife, of Limestone; his daughter, Karen Boudreau, of

Champaign, IL; two sons, Phillip (Diane) Essington of Redmond, WA, and Richard Essington of Savoy, IL. Six grandchildren, Jason (Cheryl) Essington and Tadd (Cassie) Essington of Pinedale, WY, Rhonda (Kevin) Greene of Salem, IL, Jill (Jesse) Tooper of SC, Alicia Boudreau, Champaign, IL, Tim (Katie) Boudreau of Savoy, IL and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Pam, and his son, Kevin, by his sisters, Dorothy Witt, Shirley Antosz, Elaine Kuntz, and his brother, Donald Essington.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour before on Wednesday, May 23 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee with the Rev. Scott Henley will be officiating. Burial will be later in the afternoon at Kempton Hill Cemetery in Kempton, IL.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church  
196 S. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-4408

## Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church  
196 S. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-4408

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Essington*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Marge,*

*What a shock to learn of Dean's passing. I just learned of his death today and feel awful that we couldn't be there. We were in Florida at Alexandra's Doctoral Graduation at the time. We would not have missed it if we were in town. You and Dean were always good friends to our family. I remember all the parties and get togethers our families shared. They were some of the happiest times. We need more people in this world like you and Dean. Our prayers are with you, Karen and Richard at this time.*

*Love,  
Bill & Cynth Veronda*

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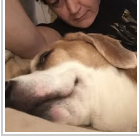
**Bill Veronda** - May 29, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ *Marj. & the kids, Because of the KDJ deliveries that you two loaded the cars for so many years. You two were great to see there, 5 a 6 days a week a long number of years there. I am so sorry with his passing, just think of all the great years together & the great family with you two. I am sorry I can't come by to see YOU & meet the kids. The days go by with the memories. Sorry, Terry LaVoie*

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**Terry W. LaVoie** - May 24, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ *Kimberli Cardosi lit a candle in memory of  
Dean Essington*



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**Kimberli Cardosi** - May 23, 2018 at 08:00 PM