



Elmer S. Palmateer Jr.

January 30, 1924 - March 12, 2023

Elmer S. Palmateer Jr., age 99, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2023 at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

He was born January 30, 1924 at home in Kankakee, the son of Elmer S. & Laretta Podach Palmateer.

Elmer married Lorna Jean Anderson of Wellington, IL on August 27, 1966 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on June 18, 2022.

After graduating from Kankakee High School, Elmer enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on the air craft carrier U.S.S. Marcus Island from 1943 - 1945. During that time, he saw action in the Pacific and was in the Leyte Gulf Battle.

Returning home, Elmer worked for R.J. Benoit as a millwright and carpenter for 39 years. He was a member of the Carpenters union local #496 for 39 as well.

Elmer was a member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2087, the St. Rose Holy Name Society, and the Westside Booster Bowling Club.

Elmer enjoyed traveling, golfing, bowling, woodworking, gardening, and spending time with his five grandchildren.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Frank & Julie Palmateer of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley Jean & Darrell Donovan of Orland Hills; five grandchildren, Branden Donovan, Mason Donovan, Charli Palmateer, Jared Palmateer, and Brandi Palmateer.

In addition to his wife, Elmer is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Pauline Beyer.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, March 20, 2023 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee Humane Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Frank & Shirley and families.

Brian and I send our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father, and my last uncle. We loved him very, very much and have many years of great memories of him in our family. Many relatives are already in heaven to greet him and will be so glad to seem him come home. May his soul rest in peace and may perpetually light shine upon him. God be will all of you.

Your loving cousin Diana and son Brian.

Diana Beyer - March 14, 2023 at 02:05 PM



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“ *Elmer was a kind and gentle man who was loved by all who knew him. He was a wonderful father and grandfather who provided not only love but a good example for becoming responsible adults.*

My favorite time with Elmer was at the Rio Grande Valley in Texas when he and Lorna would drive aunt Mary to Winter Haven and spend time there with us. He was active and helpful with the activities at the park and since there were many veterans there many stories could be shared but his was the best, (falling off an air craft carrier).

May his soul rest in Peace+ May God's blessing be with his family.

Robert A Pearson - March 14, 2023 at 12:25 PM