



George A Likander

October 14, 1925 - April 23, 2017

George A. Likander, 91, of Kankakee, Illinois, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born October 14, 1925 in Siauliai, Lithuania to Stefanija and Antanas Likander. He was preceded in death by his first wife Grace V. Cibiras and second wife Jeanne W. Hofer.

Surviving are daughters Audrey Ward of Phoenix, AZ, Victoria Turngren of Kankakee, nieces Rita (Antanas) Rasyimas of Oak Lawn, Kristina Likander (Scott Kaska) of Highland, IN, nephew Andy (Sue) Likander of Highland, IN, three great nieces and one great nephew. He is also survived by the children of his second wife Jeanne, Harold Fick of Bradley, Philip (Cathy) Boehm of Bradley, David (Barbara) Boehm of Kankakee, Daniel (Pamela) Hofer of Ashkum, Dagne Raymond of Bradley, Suzanne (Robert) Hoebet of Kankakee, as well as family friend Curt Raymond of Bradley. George had 20 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. He also leaves behind three beloved pets, Scarpie, Chica and Kitty.

In addition, he was preceded in death by his parents and older brother Eugene Likander.

George spent his early years in Lithuania and war-torn Germany before coming to America in May, 1949.

George served in the United States Army during the Korean War between 1950 and 1952. While serving, George attained the rank of Corporal and earned the Army Occupational Medal, Korean Service Medal with three

bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal for Korea and an Overseas Service Bar.

George married Grace V. Cibiras on August 29, 1953 and they lived in Schenectady, New York and later moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Audrey was born. They then moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where Viki was born. The family moved to Kankakee in 1960.

George married Jeanne W. Hofer on February 9, 1975.

George graduated from the University of Illinois in 1955 with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering. After graduating, George was hired as a Process Engineer at General Mills Chemical Company (later Henkel, Cognis and BASF). He became known as the company's expert in the production of polymers and resins and wrote a manual known as "The Bible" of polymer and resin production that is still used to this day. George traveled to Japan, Brazil, and Mexico to start up new company plants and train employees on polymer and resin production. He was recognized as the company's first Employee of the Year in 1983. George retired from Henkel in 1986.

George always enjoyed traveling. He traveled throughout Europe many times, visiting family and friends. He and Jeanne also spent considerable time touring the United States in a motorhome. George also had many diverse interests, including sports, history, stamp collecting, classical music and reading.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Schreffler Funeral Home at 1900 W. Court Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to Best Friends Animal Society or any animal charities.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ George A Likander

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ I never got the Opportunity to meet You Girl's Dad , but I heard a lot of Cool Stuff about Him
My Sincere Condolences .

Carl Irps - May 04, 2017 at 11:57 PM



“ I worked with George. It was amazing, when he showed up to troubleshoot a problem batch, you knew everything was going to be good again. In my 45 years in the chemical industry he had the best skill sets I have seen. George will be missed.
Vern Dumas

Vern Dumas - May 04, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ I worked with George - He was one of a kind! Gentle, kind, understanding, smart, compassionate, helpful, knowledgeable - I could go on and on. He would take you under his 'wing' to help you or explain something to you. Always had time for you. His 'Bible" will live on! May he rest in Peace.

Ann Fleming - May 04, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ *Such a great loss. I did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Likander but i know his daughter Viki. She loved her dad so very much and was an amazing daughter to him. Caring for him to the very end. All i know is how much he was loved and truly wish id had the honor of knowing him. Possibly we met when i was a child as Viki and i go back to childhood. Sending my love and deepest sympathy to Viki, Audrey and rest of his family and friends.*



*Sincerely
Alex "Louie" Helm*

Alex Sanders - May 03, 2017 at 11:55 PM