



James R. Dygert

December 16, 1926 - November 24, 2024

James R. Dygert, age 97, of Bradley passed away Sunday, November 24, 2024 at his home. He was born December 16, 1926 in Kankakee, the son of Richard & Irene (Hook) Dunn. James married Geraldine "Gerry" Cloutier on January 16, 1948 in Kankakee. She preceded him in death, after 72 years of marriage, on July 14, 2020.

James retired from General Mills before it became Henkel. He was an operator ensuring the plant safety. James enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served during WWII. James was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was known for giving candy at church. He also served as a Deacon and outreach ministries to inmates in jail.

Surviving are two sons, James Dygert Jr. of SC and Jonathan (Isabol) Dygert of Falkirk, Scotland; four daughters, Rosalind (John) Duffy of Denton, TX, Mary Wingert of Bonfield, Rose (Douglas) Duncan, and Cynthia (Jeff) Craven of Brevard, NC; his siblings, Iona, Sharon, Melvin, and Leroy; fourteen grandchildren; thirty-four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Gerry Dygert, James is preceded in death by his parents; one son-in-law, Wendell Wingert; and one granddaughter, Wendy Wingert.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to John Dygert BMM c/o Calvary Baptist Church or the Wilds Christian Camp & Conference Center (<https://wilds.org/donate/>).

Rev. Scott Paisley will officiate the service.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

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