



Francis J. Lingle

July 13, 1923 - November 18, 2017

Francis Joseph Lingle, 94, of West Frankfort, formerly of Cobden, died at 8:55am, Saturday, November 18, at Helia Healthcare in West Frankfort.

He was born July 13, 1923, in Cobden to Frank and Josepha (Patterson) Lingle.

He married Helen Craig on November 27, 1954. She preceded him in death in May 2010.

Born during the Great Depression, he worked for Civilian Conservation Corps as a teenager. He became a career military man who served as a Gunner's Mate with the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Wichita in World War II (Pacific) during the largest naval battle in history – the Battle of Leyte Gulf. He was also a member of the occupying forces at Nagasaki. He continued his military career with the Army-Air Corps, fighting in the Korean War, and had his last tour of duty with the Air Force in the Vietnam War.

After retiring as a Master Sergeant from the Air Force in 1964, he worked for over 20 years as a master carpenter. He was a member and former treasurer for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (Local 638) in Carbondale. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Masonic Order's Fairfield-Suisun Lodge 55 in California.

He is survived by his son, Joseph (Kelly) Lingle of St. Louis; two daughters, Jeanne (Pat) Casey of DeSoto, and Jane Lingle of Frankfort, KY; two granddaughters, Samantha Jo and Madison Grace Lingle, both of Ewing; one sister, Mary Dehen of Springfield; two brothers, Robert (Cynthia) of Columbia, MS, and Fred (Carol) Lingle of Sherwood, OR.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and his brother, Louis Lingle.

Per his request, he will be cremated and his ashes will be mixed with those of his wife's. Graveside services will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, December 1, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cobden.

Cemetery Details

St John's Cemetery

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Dongola, IL 62926
(888) 932-7658

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

St Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
101 N Centennial St
Cobden, IL 62920

Tribute Wall



“ *Francis J. Lingle*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Francis J. Lingle.*



November 20, 2017 at 02:52 PM