



Robert I Alexander

October 9, 1931 - August 12, 2009

Robert Ivan Alexander, 87, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away Wednesday morning with his wife by his side after a ten year battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was cremated as per his wishes. There will be a celebration of life for Mr. Alexander for his family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2009, at Pettett Funeral Home. Military gravesite services will be held at Pleasant Grove Cemetery at 10 a.m. Monday, August 17, 2009. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Association, Midwest Chapter, 27 W. 353 Jewel Road, Winfield, IL 60190-1231 or to the charity of your choice.

Robert was born on October 9, 1931, in Bloomington, Indiana, to Albert Alexander and Bonnie Griffin Alexander.

He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was a Corporal in the Second Division Reconnaissance Company from 1942 to 1946. He was in the battles of Okinawa and Ryukyu Islands.

He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post # 604 in Bloomington, Indiana.

Mr. Alexander graduated from the Indiana University with a B.S. in 1951 and a Masters Degree in 1954. He spent thirty seven years as a school

administrator. He was the Superintendent of Champaign County Schools and the Mississippi Valley School District until he retired in 1988.

He was an artist and writer, and he enjoyed doing crossword puzzles. He loved the outdoors and his family and pets.

Robert married Jean Wilson on June 23, 1966, in Bloomington, Indiana, and she survives.

Locally survivors include two sons Brian Alexander and William "Bill" Alexander, and two grandchildren Amanda Alexander and Brandon Alexander, all of Murphysboro;

Other survivors include four children Gina Alexander-Lappin and her husband David Lappin, Daniel Alexander, and Dean Alexander, all of Bloomington, IN, and Jana Geren of Gilbert, AZ;

two grandchildren Connor Lappin of Bloomington, IN and Natalie Lane of Cleveland, TN; and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother Harold Alexander, two sisters Joann Kelley and Maxine Clase, and his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert I Alexander*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *You will be in our hearts forever*



Jean Bill & Brian Amanda & Brandon - August 20, 2009 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mr. Alexander was the principal at Eastern during my Junior and Senior years. I would skip study hall and he and I would play basketball in the gym. I developed a friendship with him that most student-principals don't have. I truly enjoyed those times. I would bet that he was a pretty fair basketball player in his day. My prayers are with his family at this difficult time.*

Gary Hudson

Gary Hudson - August 14, 2009 at 11:35 AM