



Russell Sylvester Brinker

May 20, 1932 - November 4, 2017

Russell S. Brinker, 85, of Makanda, passed away Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Home.

He was born May 20, 1932 in Cicero, Illinois to Frederick and May (Vlach) Brinker. He married Nancy Fairbanks and she survives.

Russell proudly served in the United States Army where he earned the rank of PFC. He was awarded the Korean Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal while serving in the Armed Forces before being honorably discharged.

Upon discharge from the military Russell held a few positions in the workforce but his most recent position was a maintenance supervisor of a local nursing home in Carbondale, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Brinker of Makanda, IL; Two children, Mary (Al) Rose of Fallbrook, CA and Vince Brinker of Lake Butler, FL; One Brother, Ray Brinker of Peoria, IL and several other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held at 12:30pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2017

at Mound City National Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV **14**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mound City National Cemetery
Mound City, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Sylvester Brinker*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Russ was a great guy and a good friend. It was always a delight to listen to his explanations of events and experiences in his light. Well, almost always, sometimes he could take a while with his stories but always an interesting conclusion and perspective. He was a great recycler in that he kept his vehicles going long after they would have ordinarily expired. I had the privilege of fishing and camping with man and enjoyed the experiences. I am also glad my oldest son got to meet him. I wonder who will end up with his truck as he told me of so many people wanting to purchase it and that I can understand, it was a true classic. Russ, you will be missed.*

Frank Glaub - November 13, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *Russ was a great person. I worked with him in the early 90s at Quality of Life Services in Carbondale. He was working on his boat at that time. Bless the family. RIP Russ.*

Kelly Strader - November 06, 2017 at 12:29 PM