



## Russell & Nancy Brinker

December 5, 2017

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

Nancy Carol Brinker, 84, of Makanda, passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Russell and Nancy were married on September 20, 1952 and shared 65 happy years of marriage together.

Russell was born May 20, 1932 in Cicero, Illinois to Frederick and May (Vlach) Brinker. He 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.

Nancy was born August 22, 1933 in Warrenville, Illinois to Arthur James and Mildred Ann (Stafford) Fairbanks. She worked as the activities director and a nurse's aide at local healthcare facilities in the Carbondale area. She also was involved in the First Christian Church in Anna, Illinois where she enjoyed singing in the choir and helping with the children's Sunday school classes.

They are survived by one son, Vince Brinker of Lake Butler, FL; one daughter, Mary (Allen) Rose of Fallbrook, CA; grandchildren, Jessica (Jeff) Brinker Camp, Kathy (James) Brinker Ritchey, Erik R. Rose; great-grandchildren, Olivia Camp, Jackson, Aden, and Emma Ritchey; and many other relatives, neighbors and friends.

Russell and Nancy were both preceded in death by each of their parents.

Graveside inurnment for Russell was held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Mound City National Cemetery.

Graveside inurnment for Nancy will take place at Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City, Illinois on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 12:30 PM.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

# Previous Events

## Graveside

DEC 5. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mound City National Cemetery  
Mound City, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell & Nancy Brinker*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Vince and Mary.....I thought of Aunt Nancy so often after hearing of her diagnosis as my dad (her brother) passed of the same disease. I hope they reunite in heaven and can once again be brother and sister. I so regret that our family relationship was so strained. I talked with Uncle Russ not to long ago and enjoyed catching up, him telling me about all the children, grandchildren you and Vince have. Please know that I am so sorry for your lose and send you comfort.*

*Sally Fairbanks*

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“ I met Nancy through her son-in-law Al Rose, whom I worked with at Vogler Ford. Al and Mary left town but Russ and Nancy stayed behind. We became friends over the years and they were both very special to me.

*I remember when Nancy was the Activities Director at the nursing home on Lewis Lane in Carbondale. She was really involved with the people there and our weekly visits were helped tremendously by the preparation and information she provided. It was ironic that 30 years later she came to the same nursing home as a resident with Alzheimer's. The nurses would tell me not to bother bringing her near the piano to join us in singing Christian hymns because she didn't know what was going on and couldn't read the words from the hymnal. They were wrong. When the music started she would start singing the words with all of us. She was an amazing women and will be missed by all. I know she was a faithful believing women of God and attended her church regularly when she could. I look forward to visiting with her once again in Heaven.*

*Frank Glaub*

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**Frank Glaub** - December 03, 2017 at 10:26 PM