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Lum H. Tipsword, Jr., 86, died peacefully in his home, surrounded by family on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 1:40 a.m. Lum's family will receive friends and family for visitation at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and there will be a service to celebrate his life on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Macon County Memorial Park in Decatur, IL.

Mr. Tipsword was born July 9, 1932, in Decatur, the son of Lum H, Sr. and Viola G. (Kinman) Tipsword. He married Mary E. Finney on November 28, 1951. Lum retired from Firestone after 30 years of service. Lum was a United States Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Second Church of God.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Mary; daughters, Lisa Tipsword-O'Daffer (Mike O'Daffer) of Decatur, Jan Hall (Rick) of Macon; grandchildren, Gretchen Tipsword-O'Daffer (Matt Lichtenberg), Stephanie Long (David), Griffin Tipsword-O'Daffer (Alex Hamm) and Kelsey Rohde (Ben); great-grandchildren, Nova Tipsword, Parker Long and Baby Long, on the way; sister, Nancy Donovan of Crawfordsville, IN; and many nieces and nephews.

Lum was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Sheila Tipsword; grandson, Kenny Tipsword-O'Daffer; sisters, Frances Trimmer and Maxine Huff; and brother, Bill Tipsword.

Lum's greatest joy was his family. His favorite week of each year was the week-long family reunion at Camp Maranatha. In his later years, he would often state that his great-grandchildren were his reason for existing. Lum was full of love and laughter. Those he loved never doubted his affections. He will be remembered as a loving Husband, Dad, Poppop, Brother, Uncle, and Friend.

Memorials may be directed to Camp Maranatha Church Camp, 3286 N 300th Street, Ramsey, IL 62080 or Second Church of God, 2670 East Division Street, Decatur, IL 62526.



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The family of Lum Tipsword is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe St. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.moranandgoebel.com.



Tribute Wall

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SD

Stanley O'daffer posted:

To Mary, Lisa, Jan and Family, I'm very sorry for your loss. Lum was a good man, always the first to help others. He always made me feel at home. I will miss his laughter and participation in the silliness that often ensued. I will miss him with fond memories.

July 25 at 2:10 PM

WC

William Cooke posted:

Not to often you run into people like Lum. We lived just a couple of blocks from the Tipsword family on 29th street. Lum's Dad was our preacher at 2nd Church Of God. I went to school at Brush College #2 and Lakeview. Altho Lum was from the LHS Class of 1950 (I graduated in 1953) I remember watching him play basketball. My sister Mary (Cooke) Toth was a close friend to Frances and Maxine. I think the whole Tipsword family was taught to do all things right. They were a highly respected family in our neighborhood. It seemed Lum never ran out of smiles, regardless of what was going on. He was an extra-special guy and I consider it an asset to have had him as a 80+ year old friend. May he rest in peace. He deserves nothing less.

July 23 at 3:58 PM

SE

Susan Garner Easton posted:

To Mary, Jan, Lisa, and families, my most sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband, and Dad. Although I haven't actually seen Lum for many, many years, I am glad to have had the chance to speak with him on the phone a couple of years ago. And anyone would know just how much he loved each of you by simply reading his posts on Facebook, and seeing the love in all pictures. God bless you all; Lum will be sorely missed.

July 23 at 8:10 AM

JS

Jane (Portwpod) Squires And Ron Squires posted:

Mary and family I feel your loss. I have so many memories over the years. The time God sent me out to pray for Sheila. I know he kept his word. Sheila will be wrlcoming him home. Jan and Rick so sorry for your loss. It is hard losing a Dad. Mary and all if I could I would wrap you all in my arms. So I will wrap you through prayer. God comfort.

July 22 at 2:22 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lum by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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