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Decatur-James Ballard Hood, Jr., 84, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in his home.

James was born November 24, 1929 in Oak Park, Illinois, the son of James Ballard and Helen Martha (Vogellander) Hood Sr. He graduated in 1947 from Austin High School in Chicago. He proudly served his country in the USAF from 1949-1952. He then attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana from 1953-1955. He was previously employed with the U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Division from 1956-1988 serving in Champaign, IL and Ithaca, NY District Offices retiring after thirty-seven years of service as Hydrologist Project Chief. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes, American Legion Post #2008, Lt. Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, life member of the Moose Lodge, and received Presidential Commendation for 5,000 volunteer hours. He married Helen Margaret Gillis June 21, 1952 in Chicago. She preceded him in death February 24, 2008.

James leaves behind his children Sheryl Ann Hood of New Brunswick, NJ, Wayne Gregory Hood and wife Carol of Decatur, Neal Daniel Hood of Ithaca, NY, and Christine "Tina" Marie Hasara and husband Darren of Milford, NJ, and grandchildren Kristen Barr of Decatur, Elizabeth Hood of St. Louis, MO, Mathew Hasara of Milford, NJ, and Kyle Hasara of Milford, NJ.

James was reunited in Heaven with his parents, wife, and brother George Lee Hood. Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate James' life will be 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 3850 Lourdes Drive Decatur, with Rev. Rick Weltin and Rev. Joe Molloy, Celebrants. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the mass at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Civil Air Patrol, Our Lady of Lourdes, or St. Teresa High School.

The family of James Ballard Hood Jr. is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the on line



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www.moranandgoebel.com.



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AW

Al Weidlich posted:

Dear beloved members of the family of Col. James B. Hood. I have known your Dad as a friend and fellow member of the CAP for more than 20 years. Jim was always well informed, knowledgeable, friendly, and supportive. He was a dear man with whom I spent many hours. He was my mentor in CAP, and a brother in Christ. I truly will miss him, our phone conversations, our fellowship. God has been exceptionally good to me to have Jim as a friend. May he rest peacefully, fully renewed by Our Lord. Please accept my condolences. And please accept my regrets that I may not be able to make the Service on Wednesday. I have a long standing medical appointment for a partially invasive test and I don't know how I will be afterwards. Grace and peace to you. Al Weidlich, Lt. Col. chaplain, CAP

June 30 at 9:50 AM

LW

Lt Col James P Weiland posted:

My condolences. Lt Col James P. Weiland, CAP

June 30 at 6:06 AM

MM

Michelle Manley posted:

I wanted to share how special Lt Col was. I am a member of Civil Air and when we had his retirement party the look and pride on his face brought tears to me. He was a wonderful fun man that I always enjoyed his stories and his company. He was a giving loving man. He spoke often of his wife and every time there was a huge smile that would come across his face as he spoke. I will be forever richer from knowing him. And all my prayers for family and friends may God put His loving arms around us all as we say good bye. Rest in peace Sir Salute.

June 28 at 10:21 AM

MM

Michelle Manley posted:

Lt. Col Hood you will be so very missed and were and are so loved by many Rest In Peace Sir

June 28 at 10:08 AM

MM

Michelle Manley posted:

Lit a candle in memory of James Ballard Hood

June 28 at 10:06 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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