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Joseph Francis Grundler, 95, of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, November 19, 2013 in Imboden Creek Gardens.

Joseph was born August 17, 1918 in Spurling, Manitoba, Canada, the son of William Joseph and Mary Ellen (Corrigan) Grundler.

A veteran of World War II, Joe served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Marine Corps; 4th Division. He participated in the invasion of Nanu Atoll in the Marshall Islands, Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas and Iwo Jima. Joe was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation.

On August 17, 1946, he married Eleanor Louise Runkle in Princeville.

Joe returned to Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria after his discharge from the military. In 1954, he was transferred to the new Caterpillar Plant in Decatur.

Following his retirement in 1981, he served as a consultant for the company, completing assignments in Turkey and India.

Joe was a member of the Holy Family Church, Decatur and attended Holy Spirit Church in Lake Wales, Florida.

His community service was primarily through activities of Golden K Kiwanis (recognized as a 25-year member in 2007).

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, E. Louise Grundler, and his parents.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Lora Mae Van Fleet, Galesburg, IL; special cousins, Connie (Ladd) Pagan, Las Vegas, NV; Curtis (Wendy) Corrigan, Boulder, CO; Craig Corrigan, Englewood, CO; nephews, James (Nancy) McGaughey, Vermont, IL; William (Becky) Van Fleet, East Moline, IL; Rodney (Jan) Van Fleet, Aurora, IL; Richard Van Fleet, LaJolla, CA; Mark (Nancy) Van Fleet, Aurora, IL; nieces, Sharon Kenney, Calabasas, CA; Margaret (Walt) Schmick, Littleton, CO; Lora Beth (Bill) Morrow, Freeport, IL.



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Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Joseph's life will be 9:30 am Saturday, 23, 2013 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in O'Dell, IL. The family of Joseph Francis Grundler is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary, share memories, and send condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



Tribute Wall

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SD

Sylvia Dougherty posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Lora Beth and Margie in the loss of Uncle Joe. He was a genuine gentleman and I have many fond memories of his final days of life. It was truly my privilege to have shared in caring for him in his end of life journey. May he now rest with Lou in the arms of his Master. He deserves it. With love and fond memories, Sylvia and Jack Dougherty

November 23 at 4:45 AM

SD

Sylvia Dougherty posted:

My deepest sympathy to Lora Beth, Margie and all of Joe's loved ones. I will always hold in my heart many end of life memories of Joe. Joe was a genuine gentleman and it was my privilege to have shared the final journey of life with him and Lou. May they rest together in the arms of the good Lord that they were close to here on earth. With love and fond memories, Sylvia and Jack Dougherty

November 23 at 4:30 AM

GR

George Riefler posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathies. Joe was a true gentleman and a wonderful golfing companion. We have very fond memories of dining with Louise and Joe at Southside CC.Domma and George Riefler

November 22 at 7:41 AM

RK

Ralph Czerwinski, President G K Kiwanis posted:

The Golden K Kiwanis Club of Decatur shared a special moment of silence in memory of Joseph Francis Grundler at our November 20th meeting. Ralph Czerwinski President

November 22 at 5:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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