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Ronald Lee Gifford, 80, of Decatur passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 in the VA Illiana Health Care System.

Ronald was born on June 18, 1931 in Decatur the son of Homer and Mable Elzie Gifford. He was retired from Norfolk & Southern Railroad after 45 years of service. He was a member of VFW Post 99. He served his country during the Korean War in the US Marines. He married Mary Frances "Peggy" Stoutenborough on October 5, 1956 in Decatur, IL.

He survived by his wife Peggy, children John Gifford Carol of Mt. Zion; Gail Marlow Robert of Decatur; Kelly Gifford of Decatur; sister, Minerva Reynolds of Mt. Zion; six grandchildren two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, three sisters, and two grandchildren.

Funeral procession will leave Moran & Goebel Funeral Home at 10:30 am Monday July 25, 2011 for a graveside service at 11:00 am in Ritchie Cemetery in rural Cerro Gordo with Military Rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard.

The family of Ronald Lee Gifford is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL, honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at

www.moranandgoebel.com.



Tribute Wall

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JO

Jony posted:

Hi DiYou may remember I sent you an email mohntsa0back worrying about an eye problem with a pup I was buying. I just wanted to say I have ended up with a delicious chocolatea0lab from the even more delicious Tina. a0We've waiteda0all this time for a girl and has been worth the wait. a0I havea0to say its been a total pleasure dealing with sucha0a nice person who is not only completely nutty about dogsa0like me but has done everything possible to make surea0the pups/breed have the best possible start to there lives I couldn't have wanted more to bea0honest)I looked over your reply below and shuddera0with the thought of dealing with the previousa0dealer what was I thinking of !!!!!Would be nice to meet you at some stagea0and show you one of Thom s siblingsa0Take care and thank you for all your supporta0and guidance it was much appreciated.Keith

October 20 at 4:18 PM

RV

Rich And Susan Vasquez posted:

Our sympathy to you, Peg, Gail, Kelly. We have such good memories of being your neighbors on East Olive. You were all so kind to us and helped us adjust to our move to Decatur. Rich remembers Ron taking him along to cut down trees and I know how helpful you were to me as a new mother. Thank you and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.Rich and Susan Vasquez Decatur, IL US

July 24 at 7:00 PM

EJ

Emogene Johnson posted:

Dear Peggy,I don't know if you remember me or not but I am Howard Gifford's sister in law who lives in Wisconsin. Eleanor was my sister.Actually I am writing this for my other two sisters also one lives in Madison — MaryIn — and one lives in Wiota –Dorothy. They do not have email but I will print out the obituary so they can read it too.I we were sorry to hear about Ronald's death. It goes way back in years — but in those younger days when we would visit in Decatur we would see Ronald many times too and I have met you also. I see by the obituary that Ronald was two years older than I am.I got the information about Ronald from Jan in Arizona via the email.I am sorry to hear about Ronald and I wish you well in these sad days. According to the obit. the service is going on right now as I write this. I am thinking of you and the children and grandchildren right now. My sympathies to all of you.Emogene Johnson Columbus, WI US

July 24 at 7:00 PM

TT

Thomas L. Thompson Sr posted:

Thomas L. Thompson SR and Family are sorry for your loss. Decatur, IL US

July 23 at 7:00 PM



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JL

Jan Liddle posted:

Dear Aunt Peggy & Family, I have fond memories of Uncle Ronald and you. Lots of laughter when I was around you both. May God bless you all! Love, Jan Gifford & Chris Liddle Flagstaff, AZ US

July 21 at 7:00 PM

ES

Elizabeth Gifford Strohm posted:

Dear Peggy & family, Sorry to hear about your loss. Bruce & Diane sent us this link. We had to have a live oak tree removed near our home last week and thought of Uncle Ronald and how dad would help him cutting trees. We will pray that God will comfort you during this time and bring to mind many happy memories. Fondly, Beth & Ron Port Orange, FL US

July 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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