



# Royal Eugene Skelley

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**R**oyal Eugene Skelley 90 of Decatur died Friday January 6, 2006 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial celebrating his life will be 10:00 am Tuesday January 10, 2006 in St. Patrick Catholic Church. There will be no visitation. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church. View the on-line obituary and send condolences to the Skelley Family at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).

Royal was born on September 24, 1915 in Decatur, IL the son of Royal Gervis and Augusta Cecilia Downing Skelley. He was a lifelong member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. He had worked for Mueller Company retiring after 34 years of service. He married Rosemary Collett on June 1, 1940 in Decatur. She preceded him in death in January of 1968.

Surviving are his sons, Jim Skelley Lynda of Decatur; Bob Skelley Connie of Mt. Zion; Tom Skelley Janet of Decatur; John Skelley of Pegream, TN; Dan Skelley Candace of Maroa; daughters Peg Hayes Bob of Decatur; Sister Rosemary Skelley O.S.U. of Decatur; brothers, Edward Skelley Lila of Decatur; Paul Skelley Toni of Decatur; sisters, Marion Skelley of Decatur; Norma Nester of Houston, TX; 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, many nieces, and many nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one brother, Don Skelley, one sister, Yvonne Bennett and two grandsons, Caleb Skelley and Bob Hayes.



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TH

**Teri Ducky Hopkins** posted:

Dear John and all of the Skelley family.... I am so sorry to hear about your father's passing. Know that it is he who is the lucky one..who is now in the most perfect place with no pain, no unhappiness...but only total bliss and beauty. May you be comforted and given the strength you need at this difficult time and remember that someday we will all join our loved ones again. Love and prayers...Teri Ducky Hopkins Decatur, IL US

January 11 at 7:00 PM

BW

**Betty Wheatley** posted:

I worked at Mueller Co. doing all the benefits and first really knew Royal when he was getting ready to retire. I was so impressed with what a lovely man he was. My sympathy to your whole family. Decatur, IL US

January 9 at 7:00 PM

PN

**Paul & Debbie Nester** posted:

Please accept the condolences from our family on the passing of brother and uncle, Royal Skelley. He was always a pleasure to visit with and listen to. I know there will an empty place in your hearts for a long time. He will also be missed in our family. Paul, Debbie, Robin, Adam, Katie, and of course Aunt Norma. Conroe, TX US

January 9 at 7:00 PM

BN

**Betty Bennett Nelms** posted:

To Uncle Royal's family – I'm thinking of you with empathy, and offering sincere sympathy to you all – I pray you have comfort and peace. With love, Betty San Angelo, TX US

January 8 at 7:00 PM

ML

**Mike Lees** posted:

Your in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Pat Lees Decatur, IL US

January 8 at 7:00 PM



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**Andy Skelley** posted:

I'll miss Uncle Royal. I remember he always had a kind word and a smile on his face. Our great loss is Heaven's gain. Powell, TN US

January 8 at 7:00 PM

FM

**Father Donald Meehling** posted:

My sincere sympathy to the Skelley family at the passing of their father and grandfather. May he be with the Lord, and may the Holy Faith we share be your comfort and consolation. Hopefully just to know that one more person understands and cares deeply will be of some added help to you. For the faithful Christian life is changed, not ended. Alleluia! Praying for you all where it counts most — at the Holy Altar of the Lord. Springfield, IL US

January 7 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Jim And Nan Van Praag** posted:

WHAT A WONDERFUL LEGACY YOUR DAD HAS LEFT US ALL, HIS CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HIM. LOVE AND PRAYERS TO YOU ALL. NAN AND JIM VAN PRAAG ST LOUIS, MO US

January 7 at 7:00 PM

BA

**Bob And Cecilia Allen** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. With deepest sympathy, Bobby and Cecilia Allen San Angelo, TX US

January 7 at 7:00 PM

RS

**Richard & Mary Skelley** posted:

I recall Uncle Royal as being a good man and very easy to warm up to. He well deserved the 90 years the Lord granted him on this earth. I know from experience more so in my younger days that Royal was always willing to help out someone in need. I'm sure that he is considered to be a very generous person by many that knew him, and he will be missed by all. Please accept our sincere condolences during this time of grief and mourning. Bloomington, IL US

January 7 at 7:00 PM



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