



Leonard E. Gaede

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Leonard Edgar Gaede, 87, passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2021 in his home surrounded by his family.

Leonard was born on April 10, 1933 to Theresa (Steele) and George Leonard Gaede in Decatur, Illinois. He married the love of his life, Mary JoAnn Speagle on April 7, 1957 and they enjoyed 62 years of marriage until her death in December 2019.

Leonard is survived by his four children: Daughter, Toni (Phil) Griffin, sons: Chris (Sondra) Gaede, Jeff (Jeanne Hall) Gaede and Chuck (Kim) Gaede, 7 grandchildren: Brittany Black, Zach Gaede (Taylor Ireland), Alex Gaede, Jacob Griffin (Abby Wilson), McKenzie Griffin (Luke Miller), Amber (Jay) Janiak and Aaron (Melissa) Blevins; 8 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog Lizzie. Leonard was preceded in death by his beloved wife JoAnn, sisters Betty Walker and Jeanne Turner, and his parents.

Leonard was an avid bowler in and around Decatur for over 40 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 20 years, commended and cited for his attention to duty in Korea and Vietnam. He began his career as a private and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1971.

After his retirement from the service, he worked for an additional 23 years for the state of Illinois as a Computer Programmer/Analyst and became a Systems Manager in several management capacities within the Illinois Legislature, the Judicial Branch, and Administrative Services Branch of the Illinois government.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Veterans Administration, especially his visiting nurse, Cindy Leavelle, for her loving care and companionship this past year. Also, thanks to the wonderful staff at DMH Hospice for their care.



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Graveside services to honor Leonard's life with military honors will be held at Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Decatur at 2:30 PM on Wednesday. The family has entrusted Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services with arrangements. Please share memories and condolences at www.moranandgoebel.com





Events

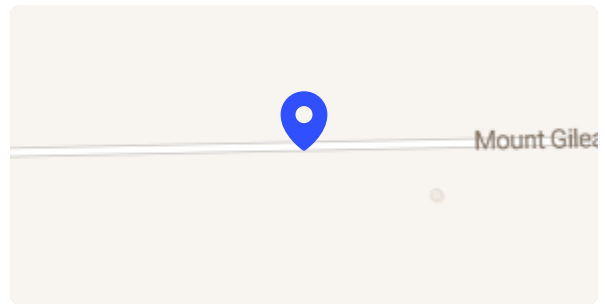
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Graveside Service


 **Wednesday**, January 27, 2021

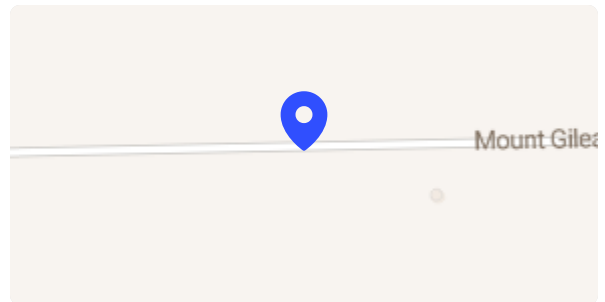
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 **Mt. Gilead Cemetery**
Mt. Gilead Rd., Decatur IL 62521



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Lucinda Ruch posted:

My condolences to Toni, Chris, Jeff & Chuck, and all of your families. Bud will be missed greatly. I'm so thankful he had such a great impact on shaping my life. I'm sure we gave his some grey hairs, but also some great laughs over the yrs.

January 27 at 5:30 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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