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Cecil George Pilcher, 92, of Decatur, IL. passed away Thursday, January 13, 2022 in St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur from Covid complications.

Cecil was born April 28, 1929 at home in Clay County near Edgewood, IL. to Claude R. and Theresa A.(Elbert) Pilcher. He married Willetta A. Schniepp on March 15, 1953 at Decatur Foursquare Church. He was a member of Hillside Bethel Ministries.

As a teenager, Cecil worked summers in a peach orchard on the family farm. He was drafted into the Army from 1951-1953 during the Korean War but remained in the states. He married and began sales and installations of lightning rods for William "Bill" Schniepp. He also drove an LP gas truck and greatly increased the number of customers.

In 1956 he started work at the new Decatur Caterpillar plant as a janitor and progressed through most every aspect or the operations, finally becoming a machinist and repairman in 1964. During strikes and layoffs, Cecil worked building houses, at the Moweauqua gas station, and as a mechanic for friends.

Cecil and Willetta began an Amway business in 1961 and achieved Direct Distributor in 1975. They built a house and moved to Decatur in 1965.

He retired from Caterpillar in 1989 on his 60th birthday and began farming the family farm near Edgewood.

Winters were spent volunteering in Texas at Rio Grande Bible Ministries.

In 2006, Cecil and Willetta moved back to Decatur. Cecil took care of Willetta, did gardening and canning, and volunteered at his church and the church campground. After her passing he traveled some on cross country trips, one summer was a single 7000 mile trip to California, the four



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corners, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and home again. He also went on the Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, DC in 2017. He kept busy at home and helped everyone with his many skills.

He is survived (in birth order) by two daughters, Phyllis (Tom) Robertson of Decatur and Dolores (Paul) Roman of Warren, MI; four sons, Paul (Ceal) Pilcher of Shelbyville, IL, Dan (Darla) Pilcher of Westerville, OH, Mark Pilcher of Albuquerque, NM, and Jon "JP" (Theresa) Pilcher of Decatur, IL; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Theresa Pilcher; grandson, Jeremy Pilcher; sister, Lois Patton; wife of 61 years; Willetta; daughter-in-law, Deanna Pilcher and his brother Loren Pilcher in that order.

Services celebrating the life of Cecil G Pilcher will be at 2pm Friday, January 21, 2022 at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801N. Monroe St, Decatur, IL with Pastors Kevin and Don Horath officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 2pm preceding the funeral. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Hillside Bethel Ministries, PawPrint Ministries or donor's choice. View online obituary and send Condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com

www.funeralvue.com/login/event#67685



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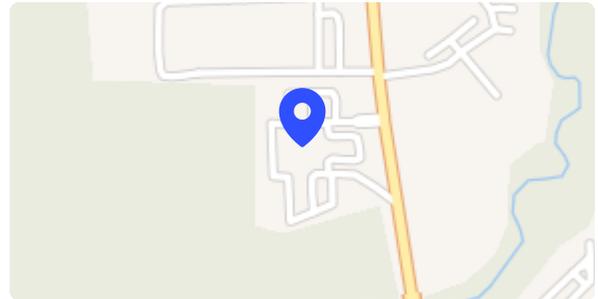
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Visitation

 **Friday**, January 21, 2022

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Moran & Goebel Funeral Home**
2801 North Monroe Street, Decatur IL 62526

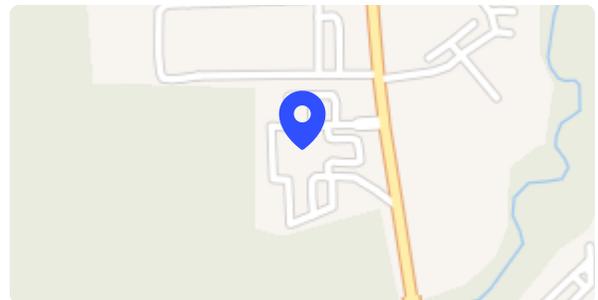


Funeral Service

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Burial

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 **Graceland Cemetery**
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Moran & Goebel Funeral Home And Cremation Services shared a **Video**.



January 17 at 9:41 AM



Marjorie Barnes January 21 at 9:53 AM

Don and I are so sorry that you lost your dad. We have been thinking of you during this time! We are sorry that a trip to Illinois was not doable now. Prayers for a day of remembering what a great guy Uncle Cecil was.



Rose Mangini posted:

Cecil came to the family reunion my sister and I held in 2017. That was the first time I met him. His sister, Lois, I visited before her passing many times talking about family history. Cecil came all the way out to ID one year, knocked on my front door and surprised me with an over night visit!! He was an amazing, fun-loving, sweet man! Prayers going up for his family and friends. I am sure our Lord is enjoying a fun time with Cecil in heaven!! Blessings, cousin Rose Woolridge Mangini (My mother's father and Cecil's father's mother were both from a Liggett line.)

February 1 at 12:05 PM



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Matt Underwood posted:

To the whole Pilcher family: My deepest condolences for your temporary separation from Cecil. I knew Cecil and Willetta through my parents Bob and Mary Underwood, who used to live out on Martha Drive off of Bentonville Road, as you go from Decatur towards Mt. Zion. Dad worked with Cecil at Caterpillar, and my folks were connected with them through Amway for a while, too. They were at our house a number of times, and I know my Dad helped Cecil work on his cars in our garage. I helped pass tools when one of my brothers wasn't handy. (Got a gentle---and loving, of course---conk in the head a couple times for the same reason---one of my brothers wasn't handy. AND due to not passing the correct doohickey or thingamajig tool! Those machine repair guys were skilled at everything but vocabulary!) I remember your Dad's legs sticking out from one side of the car and my Dad's legs out the other. My parents both admired and respected and loved Cecil and Willetta very much. Willetta would get to preaching, and Cecil would smile big and say, "Boy, she just keeps going!" Cecil always shone forth the sweetest Christian spirit, was always ready with a smile and a gentle country "Howdy!", and he was a true reflection of Jesus. Pastors Don and Kevin Horath lived just a couple of blocks from us, and we knew a number of people who went to either school or church at Hillside Bethel. I kissed my Pop goodnight 2 years ago this May. My Dad was a Korean War vet as well, wounded and decorated, though he only saw just a few weeks of combat, and the rest of the time was in Japan. He would have been 90 on Jan. 29, 2022. We had a "COVID" funeral service for him at Morans as well (May 2020), with only 10 people allowed at the service. I preached his homegoing message, and I can tell you that the only part of it that was "easy" was knowing that my Dad---and now your Dad---is having a grand old time with the saints around the Throne and in the loving arms of Jesus, our wonderful Lord and Savior. And if I know Don and Kevin, they preached a Gospel-centered, Jesus-centered message of love and hope and conviction. Our saved loved ones are now Home safe, never to hurt any more, or grow old, or sin, or suffer loss. Cecil is reunited with Willetta, and probably gave a big old hug and a "Howdy, Bob!" to my Dad, and to so many other people Cecil knew in the faith---many of whom, no doubt, the Lord reached through Cecil and Willetta's various ministries through the years. My wife Kara and I and my mom Mary Underwood and our family just want to say how sorry we are for your loss. But knowing it to only be temporary, if you know Christ as your Savior, you will see Cecil again soon. All our Love in Christ, Matt Underwood (formerly of Decatur & Long Creek / Mt. Zion, now of Mt. Washington, KY) mluklu@yahoo.com

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RB

Reba Burns posted:

We extend our deepest condolences and prayers for the family during this difficult time. We pray you can feel His loving arms around you and draw strength by His mercy that surrounds you. GOD bless you. Gary and Reba Burns

January 19 at 5:26 AM



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Lzrry And Pat Conner posted:

What a beautiful keepsake full of memories,tears and laughter.God bless this family ALWAYS.

January 18 at 3:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Pilcher family.



January 18 at 2:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Pilcher family.



January 18 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Pilcher family.



January 18 at 6:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pilcher family.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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