



Mr. Neal Richard "Speed" Brasel

October 1, 1937 - January 7, 2018

Neal Richard "Speed" Brasel, 80, of East Peoria, IL, passed away at his home on Sunday, January 7, 2018. He was born October 1, 1937 in Alma, IL, the son of Burdette G. and Alberta Faye (McClain) Brasel. He was raised in the Kinmundy and Salem, IL area. He married Wanda L. Garrett on December 7, 1955 in Corinth, MS. She preceded him in death on January 21, 2004. He married Beverly A. (Feather) Hawkey on August 18, 2007 in Kinmundy, IL. She survives in East Peoria. He is also survived by two sons, Steven M. (Valerie) of Ogden, UT and Richard L. (Natasha) of Waterford, VA; two daughters, Julie R. (Lane) Hendricks of Carrier Mills, IL and Kelly A. (Paul) Spaulding of Newburgh, IN; two step-daughters Mary Loeffler of Tucson, AZ and Lisa Stegmaier of Brimfield, IL; one step-son Chuck Hawkey of Baltimore, MD; fourteen grandchildren: Kira, Sean, Patrick, Kaitlin, Clint, Breanna, Sarah, Julie, Audrey, Samantha, Jacob, Michael, Hannah and Paige; eight step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 15 step great-grandchildren; two sisters Donna Roddy of Salem, IL and Betty Miller of Brownstown, IL; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers Dale, Benny and Harry; one sister Jane Ditton; and one grandson John Michael Brasel. Speed graduated from Kinmundy-Alma High School in 1954. He joined the US Navy the same year and served until 1959. He then joined the US Coast Guard in 1962 and served as a radioman until his retirement as a Chief Petty Officer in 1979. He went to work for the Department of Veteran's Affairs until his second retirement in

2000. He was a member of Oak Grove Bible Church in East Peoria, IL. Speed loved the military and the travels it brought to him and his family over the years. He was able to see much of the world before the age of twenty, and loved every minute of it. He also enjoyed genealogy, fishing, coin collecting and spending time with family and friends. He was a devoted fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Miami Dolphins and loved attending Cardinals spring training camps with his two sons. He will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor and story-telling abilities, both real and fiction. Visitation will be Thursday, January 11 from 4-6 PM at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 444 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL. Service will be Saturday, January 13 at 11 AM, with a visitation an hour prior at Rogers-Atkins Funeral Home, 403 S. Broadway, Salem, IL. Burial will follow at Sandy Branch Cemetery in Kinmundy, IL. Pastor Alan Rhein will officiate. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project and St. Jude.

Cemetery Details

Sandy Branch Cemetery

County Road 1150 E
Kinmundy, IL 62807

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-9831
gary@garydeitersfh.com

Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rogers-Atkins Funeral Home
403 S. Broadway Ave.
Salem, IL 62881

Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rogers-Atkins Funeral Home
403 S. Broadway Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Neal Richard "Speed" Brasel*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Neal Richard "Speed" Brasel.*



January 14, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ *With much love, blessings, The Jenkins Family GI purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Neal Richard "Speed" Brasel.*



With much love, blessings, The Jenkins Family GI - January 13, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Neal Richard "Speed" Brasel.*



January 12, 2018 at 05:04 AM

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Great friend !
RIP!
Gerald D.

Gerald D. - January 09, 2018 at 12:48 PM