

Harry Northrop

Wood River | Tuesday, January 5 2016

Harry Lee Northrop, 83, passed away 1:33 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at his daughter's residence.

Born on June 26, 1932 in Alsey, IL, he was the son of Wayne and Faye (Hosack) Northrop.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he had worked as a Branch Manager Manufacturing Engineer for McDonnell-Douglas 36 years before retiring in 1992. He didn't retire from life, but simply from his paid job. He enjoyed his 'hobby' of helping others wherever he was needed.



Harry loved his family and was a great friend to many. His dry sense of humor kept all those around him entertained. Harry spent his spare time driving his seven grandchildren to their sports and after school activities.

Even as his health declined and depended on others for all his basic needs, he continued too be a kind, gentle and humble man, always appreciative and thankful for those helping him. No doubt he arrived in heaven and heard the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

On August 31, 1958 in Winchester, he married the former Audrey Arlene Little. She survives.

Surviving also are a daughter, Cynthia (Mike) Schiber of Edwardsville; son, Steven Northrop of St. Louis; seven grandchildren, Clayton Northrop, Katie (Erik) Jacobsen, Elizabeth (Kevin) Weber, Rob Schiber, Kristin (Tim) Stunkel, Erica (Pete) Hackett,

Marissa Schiber; three great grandchildren, Hazel and Adam Weber, Kennedy Hackett; brother, Larry Northrop of Winchester; and a sister, Retha (Clement) Anders of Winchester.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Marks Mortuary in Wood River and will continue from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville. John Roberts will officiate.

Burial will follow in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto, with military rites performed by East Alton American Legion Post 794 where he he was a member, past chaplain and ritual team member and part of their Ritual Honor Team.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern IL, Parkinson's Disease Foundation or Eden United Church of Christ, where he had been a member.