



Virgil "Buzz" L. Gross

May 7, 1923 - July 3, 2017

Virgil "Buzz" Gross, 94, of Princeton died peacefully on Monday, July 3, 2017 at the Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle.

Buzz was born on May 7, 1923 in Shelby Township to William and Anna (Lundgren) Gross. He was a 1940 graduate from Princeton Township High School. Buzz married Edwardine "Eddie" Fahs of Ohio on October 18, 1947. They were happily married for 69 ½ years. He served in the United States Army as a military policeman. He was WWII veteran, upon his discharge he returned to Princeton where he helped on the family farm before becoming an owner/operator of Gross Texaco Service Station for 20 years. Buzz retired as a bookkeeper for New Jersey Zinc in Depue. He was a lifelong member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church where he served on many committees including church council president. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #587 for 59 years, and the American Legion #125 for over 70 years. Buzz served as Princeton Township Clerk for 28 years out of his 32 years on the board. He was the assistant Scout Master of Troup #69. He loved his 1925 Model T, and his 1931 Model A. He enjoyed traveling, golf, hunting pheasants, fishing, a round of croquet, playing cards, and working in the shop with the boys. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Eddie; daughter, Terry (Bob) Rapp; sons, Steven (Pam) Gross and Jack (Karen) Gross; grandchildren, Vincent Rapp; Douglas

(Jessica) Rapp; Andrew (Tara Maloy) Rapp; Rachel (Jason) Savage; Shelby (Jeremy) Bertrand, Bill McGimpsey and BJ Sparks. Great grandchildren, Kortnie, Jaclynn, Adam, Eli, Mason, Riley and Brixen Rapp, Eliza Savage, Austin and Brayden Debates, McKenna Christiansen, Sean and Xavier McGimpsey, and Landon Alexander. As well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Buzz was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Lester and Elwood.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 7, 2017 from 9-10:30 a.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Princeton.

Funeral services will follow the visitation at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Scott Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in Elm Lawn Memorial Park in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. Matthews Lutheran Church and/or the Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle.

Online condolences may be left at norbergfh.com

Cemetery Details

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Matthews Lutheran Church
416 E. Dover Road
Princeton, IL 61356

Service

JUL 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sending our deepest sympathy....*

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