



## William Otis Darling

September 24, 1929 - January 11, 2015

William (Bill) Otis Darling passed away Sunday January 11, 2015 at home. Bill was born September 24, 1929 to Elizabeth (Dowers) Darling and Otis Darling in Decatur, IL. He and his sister, Betty Joyce were raised by his mother and step father Dwight Flenner in Decatur, IL.

Bill graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1948. He married Lois Loftus on March 19 1949, the love of his life at St. Thomas Rectory in Decatur, IL. They enjoyed 65 years of married life.

In 1948 he started working for Illinois Power Plant in Havana, IL. When the Hennipen Power Plant went online in 1953, Bill was the first one to throw the switch to start the plant he retired in 1991 after 43 years of service. Bill and Lois settled in Princeton, IL in 1953.

He is survived by his wife, 5 children Sue (Bill) Keck of Waukesha, Wisconsin, Derek Darling of Waukesha, Wisconsin, David (Eugenie) Darling of Tinley Park, IL. Daniel Darling of Chicago, IL. Dwight (Pattie) Darling of Wheaton, IL. 8 grandchildren Russell (Nicole), Matt, Sam, and Steve (Michelle) Keck, Douglas and Daniel Darling, Eve and Anna Darling. 2 great grandchildren Miles and Wesley Keck, sister Betty Joyce (Bill) Murfee of Panama City, FL. Nieces and Cousins. A special thank you to care giver and family friend Lorna Ribas.

He was preceded in death by his parents Otis Darling, One son William Douglas "Doug" Darling.

Bill requested to be cremated. A Mass of Christian burial will be held January

17, 2015 in the St. Louis Catholic Church at 11:00 A.M. Officiated by Father Jeffrey Stirniman and Deacon John Murphy. A luncheon, remembrance, and celebration of life will follow immediately after the service in Harkrader Hall. Burial will be at Elm Lawn Memorial Park in Princeton, IL. following the luncheon. In Lieu of flowers the family request donation be made to St. Louis Catholic School or to St. Louis Catholic Church or charity of donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St  
Princeton, IL 61356