



Gaylord Clark Erickson

January 30, 1928 - March 30, 2011

Gaylord Clark Erickson, 83, of Essex, IL, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Mr. Erickson was born January 30, 1928 in Chicago, IL to the late Roy Edward and Katherine Pearl (nee Clark) Erickson. Gaylord was a plumbing contractor by trade and an active member of the community. He retired from Hill Mechanical in Chicago following several years of employment. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Bonfield, IL, the Essex Fire Department, the Essex Lions Club, the VFW Post #5422 in Wilmington, IL, the American Legion in Gardner, IL, and a charter member of the South Wilmington Sportsman Club. Gaylord was a WW II Veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Following his tour of duty, he served in the Army Reserves. He took pleasure in fishing, hunting and playing golf. Surviving were his wife of 62 years, Jacqueline (nee Marden), whom he married April 30, 1949 in Chicago; son, Bill (Sue Ann) Erickson and daughter, Bonnie (Dave) Becker, both of Essex, IL; five grandchildren; sister, Louise (Dave) Kuykendall of FL; nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were a brother, Robert Erickson; and sisters, Patricia Cissna and Dorothy Schmidt. Funeral services were at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Tuesday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. John Kiefer officiating. Lorraine Whitwell was the organist. Interment with military honors followed at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. The pallbearers were Dave Dvorak, Jerry Hakey, Gary L. Sumner, Marty Kirchner, Pat Foley, and Mike Johnson. The honorary pallbearers were

Clarence Maroanski, Jerry Krohn, Wayne Soltwisch, and George Ursitti. The visitation was Monday, April 4, from 2-8 p.m.