



## George Richard Lestina Sr.

February 8, 1922 - September 16, 2019

George Richard Lestina, Sr.

Age 97, lifelong resident of Braidwood, IL, passed away Monday, September 16, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL. Born February 8, 1922 in Braidwood to the late John and Bessie (nee Kral) Lestina. Veteran of the United States Army, serving during WWII in the 103rd Cactus Division from 1942-1945. George married the former Joyce C. Vogen on November 12, 1955 in Joliet, IL. He was formerly employed at APSA and Uniroyal in Elwood, IL, and later retiring from Will-DuPage Farm Service in Joliet, IL. George was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood, Braidwood Recreation Club, American Legion Koca Post #39 in Braidwood, and the VFW Post #5422 in Wilmington, IL. He enjoyed gardening and taking care of his yard.

Surviving are three sons, George (Marilyn) Lestina, Jr. of Braidwood, John (Lora Jill) Lestina, Sr. of Bloomington, IN, and Joseph (Kathleen) Lestina of Braidwood; two grandchildren, John (Kristy) Lestina, Jr. and Jason (Rachel) Lestina; one great granddaughter, Kristi Lestina.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife, Joyce; four brothers, Jack, Fred, Frank, and Joe; three sisters, Agnes, Bessie, and Eleanor; and his grandson, George Lestina III.

Funeral service will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory,

Friday, September 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Deacon Greg Cummings will officiate.

Interment with military honors will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

The visitation will be Thursday, September 19, from 4-8 p.m.

The family would like thank George's caretaker, Ed, for all his special care. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to Joliet Area Community Hospice or to the donor's choice.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory  
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336  
[www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

SEP **20**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

 Debra Lee

“ Debra Corn Lee, As children we and Mom and Dad (Marguerite and Marty Corn) spent many a time visiting with George and Joyce and their family. He was a very special man. When I came home to visit with Mom shortly before she died, we had plans to go and visit George. It was one of the things that Mom wanted to do, but God had other plans to take her home. I told George that at her funeral. Now they are rejoicing together at Jesus' side in heaven. My heart goes out to your family.

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Debra Lee - October 01, 2019 at 08:23 AM

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FUNERAL HOMES, LTD.  
AND CREMATORY

“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - September 19, 2019 at 01:07 PM

KT

“ A great smile and a firm handshake always greeted me when he saw me. I remember the days when Bobby used to cut hair in Dick's garage and Joe, Lefty, Frank, and others gathered to tell tales of Braidwood's past while waiting their turn. Bobby could keep everyone laughing with his wild stories while cutting hair. I always looked forward to seeing Uncle Dick(though I am really not family) at the annual pig roast at Lefty and Laura's farm in Wilmington. Even though he is gone, great memories of him remain with us. Please accept my sympathy and condolences on the death of a good man and your loved one.

*Keith Thomas(the pig carver)*

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**Keith thomas** - September 19, 2019 at 08:36 AM

TF

“ The Henz Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George Richard Lestina Sr..



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**The Henz Family** - September 19, 2019 at 08:29 AM

DM

“ Doug And Linda Mandat sent a virtual gift in memory of George Richard Lestina Sr.



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**Doug and Linda Mandat** - September 18, 2019 at 11:38 PM

KZ

“ George, John and Joe I am so sorry to hear that your Dad has passed away. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Love to all.  
Kathy Lambert Ziesmann

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**Kathy Lambert Ziesmann** - September 18, 2019 at 09:34 PM

FI

“ From all of us at Apolis Transport, Inc. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of George Richard Lestina Sr..



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**From all of us at Apolis Transport, Inc.** - September 18, 2019 at 02:34 PM

SS

“ He was wonderful dad to his children. He gave much love to his sons and grandkids. Mom n he went to ISD many times to watch and support John Sr. sports, I remember.  
His love carries and passes to his children to next children.

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**Sher Stevens** - September 18, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Richard Lestina Sr..



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September 18, 2019 at 11:40 AM

LD

“ Uncle Dick was a remarkable and wonderful person who brought joy and happiness into our lives. Those of us who knew him have a place in our hearts for this special man. He was a strong willed, loving and caring person who was always willing to help others. I am proud, honored and blessed to call him uncle. Uncle Dick is truly going to be missed. May he Rest In Peace. My deepest, heartfelt sympathy to his family. Love forever and always. Lainie.

Lainie DiGiusto - September 17, 2019 at 03:42 PM

JC

“ Jimmy And Peggy Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of George Richard Lestina Sr.



jimmy and peggy cole - September 17, 2019 at 03:03 PM

JC

Jimmy and I will always remember our high school days and your parents were so kind to always have us over for get-togethers. When we moved into the neighborhood I remember your mother walking down with the coconut cake to welcome us. Always remember seeing him sitting out in the chair give us a wave  
Love always Jimmy and Peggy

Jimmy and Peggy Cole - September 19, 2019 at 12:11 PM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences on the passing of your dad. Such a kind man. I remember him at so many sporting events cheering on his sons. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jerry and Kay Cougill.

Jerry and Kay Cougill - September 17, 2019 at 12:56 PM