



## Lowell Lee Reiser

March 6, 1931 - August 6, 2018

Lowell “Whitey” Reiser, 87, of Hampshire passed away peacefully Monday morning, Aug. 6, 2018, at his home.

He was born March 6, 1931, in Burlington the son of Edward and Lorena (Seyller) Reiser. He was a 1949 graduate of Hampshire High School. Whitey married Arlene Engel on Feb. 9, 1952, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Hampshire. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was a life member and past Commander of Hampshire Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8043 and a member of the American Legion Post #57 of Elgin. He was also a member of the Burlington/Hampshire Senior Citizens, Hampshire Historical Society, Fox Valley Model T Club, Northern Illinois Steam Power Club, and a lifelong and active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Whitey was honored by the City of Elgin in May 2015 as a Veteran of the Month for community service and in 2013 Whitey and Arlene received the Earl Engel Award for community service in Hampshire Township. He retired from Masonite Corp. (International Paper Co.).

Surviving are his wife, Arlene; daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Dale Lichthardt of Genoa; son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Helen Reiser of Clinton, IL; grandchildren, Amy and Joseph Dobzynski of California, Daniel and Ashley Lichthardt of Sycamore, Randy Reiser of Clinton; and step-grandson, John Burton of Clinton; great-granddaughters, Eileen Dobzynski, Grace and Sophia Lichthardt; sisters, Leila Deihs, Rita Kiefer, Joan (Henry)

Thies, and Jean Schendel.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Jason Lichthardt; brother, Floyd Reiser; and brothers-in-law, Norman Deihs, Gayland Schendel, and Morris Kiefer.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am Saturday, Aug. 11 at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E. Jefferson Ave., Hampshire. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday at the church from 4 to 8 pm with rosary at 3:45 pm, and closing prayers at 7:45.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be directed to the St. Charles Borromeo Church or School, or to the proposed Hampshire Veterans Park.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

Getzelman Road  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Arlene,  
Mom and Dad always thought of you and Whitey as such good friends from the time you lived on Lee Road. My husband and I continue to enjoy the beautiful feather pillows you sent us for our wedding. We still live in southern Illinois, so I won't be present at the funeral today. I will pray daily for Whitey and your family. With deepest sympathy and prayers for Christ's peace to be with you all,  
Mary Catherine Bergman

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**Mary Bergman** - August 11, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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“ so many memories came to mine with Dear Arlene and Whitey. all from the Army with John and Ginny,Ray and Gloria, Jean and Norman, Whitey and Arlene we all made it thru those difficult times and was blessed we stayed together as friends. we had many good times and many laughs. Whitey I am sure you are being taken care of by the "guys"  
I am sure they greeted you with "What took you so long" You will always be in my prayers dear Whitey thank you for the many hugs and smiles Jean

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**Jean Schultz** - August 08, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lowell Lee Reiser.



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August 08, 2018 at 10:06 AM

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“ I have been so lucky and honored to have known Whitey! My brother-n-law Dale married his daughter Darlene almost 44 years ago. I loved Whitey and Arlene the first time I met them. Always enjoyed our times at their home and the many family meals we shared. He was so full of life and always brought a smile to your face. I loved his hugs and will miss him very much! He touched so many people's lives as he did mine. While life will not be the same, we have comfort knowing we will all be united again some day. Arlene, Darlene, Dale, Amy, Dan, Daryl and families, I pray God blesses and comforts you during these difficult days and months ahead and gives you strength and peace. You are in my prayers and know I love you all very much!

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**Kathy Lichthardt** - August 07, 2018 at 09:48 PM