



## Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage

March 14, 1925 - March 3, 2017

Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage, 91, of Manteno passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Riverside Medical Center on Friday, March 3, 2017 after complications from heart surgery.

Duke was born on March 14, 1925 in Manteno to Edward J. and E. Vena (Smith) Lesage. Duke married Darlene Hendrickson in McAllen Texas on July 21, 1945. Darlene preceded him in his death on August 3, 1990. He married Wanda Owens on October 10, 1991.

After serving in the Army US Air Cadet Program, Duke returned to Manteno where he was a grain and hog farmer as well as a rural mail carrier until his retirement. He loved spending time with his family and travelling. In his last years he traveled by following his families' adventures. He was a dedicated White Sox fan and enjoyed golfing. Duke also loved to dance and always enjoyed a good party. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend and an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno, the Moose and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda, three sons and one daughter: Daniel (Alene) Lesage, David Lesage, LuAnne (Randy) Harvell all of Manteno and Darrell (Carol) LeSage of Orange Park, Florida. Duke has 2 stepdaughters, Colleen

(Grant) Brady, of Maryville, IL and Susanne (John) Piepenbrink of Manteno. Duke has 7 grandchildren, Ed (Kerry) LeSage, Cheri (Steve) Derrico, all of Manteno; Tracie (Scott) Meyer of Fishers, IN; Eric (Jackie) LeSage of Elmhurst, Kristina (Todd) French of Fleming Island, FL; Josh (Amy) Harvell of Bristol, WI; and Wendy (Mike) Vendel, of Chicago. Duke also has 4 step grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 8 step great grandchildren. Two sister-in-laws, Marcella LeSage and Dorothy Hendrickson both of Manteno, also survive him as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife Darlene, Duke was preceded in death by his parents, brother A. Vernon LeSage and great granddaughter Riley French.

Visitation will be from 4 till 8 pm Friday, March 10 at Brown Funeral Home; funeral services will be Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 am at St Joseph Catholic Church, both on Main Street in Manteno. Rev. Al Heidecke will officiate. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Manteno. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the designated charities the families have chosen.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Manteno, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Brown Funeral Home

21 N. Main St.

Manteno, IL 60950

(815) 468-8241

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## Service

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church

207south Main St

Manteno, IL 60950

# Tribute Wall



“ *Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *We are miss Duke and Brother Vernan for ever and ever ....we are pray for you both ....candle in memory of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage*



**Elena and Algimantas** - March 11, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *Cheryl Clement lit a candle in memory of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage*



**Cheryl Clement** - March 10, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage.*



March 09, 2017 at 07:50 PM

BD

“ My condolences to the entire LeSage family. So many great stories about Grandpa Duke. My family and I were lucky enough to become a member of the Lesage family in 1989. This was God's plan.

*Darrell and Carol took us in and our lives together with Grandpa and the Lesage family has grown.*

*Grandpa at Darrell and Carols always came to life when Grandpa would say "Darrell, is it 5pm yet. Then he would head to his car, get his travel kit, start making the best dirty martinis I have ever had. Then the stories and advice to Darrell about business and life for me was great to be a part of.*

*Grandpa from my view was the patriarch of the Lesage family.*

*Guess what, I got a tattoo, Darrell, everyone is asleep, let's go walking on bourbon street. It is only 1am, this rocker has squeaked like this for 60 years, (he could rock a baby to sleep), many farm stories, always up on all of his kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren, the beachcomber, gotta get on the road, the day after thanksgiving, on and on.*

*Grandpa is above us, hugging on Riley as well as members of his family as well as his friends from his home in Manteno to Southern Florida*

*God had a Plan, he needed Grandpa by his side.*

*Everyone is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Brian Dickmann*

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**Brian Dickmann** - March 09, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage.*



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March 08, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Le Sage family to all of the Le Sage clan and everyone who cared about Uncle Duke. As is the Le Sage way he always made me feel like family. I enjoyed his wisdom and sense of humor. I am quite sure Vernon was there to welcome him into heaven. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

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**Greg Kotecki** - March 08, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage.*



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March 07, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage.*



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March 07, 2017 at 12:58 PM

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“ *Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage*



**Bryan & Joelene Hays** - March 07, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage.*



March 07, 2017 at 09:28 AM

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“ *He was the best. Other than my dad he was the man I looked up to the most.*

**Fred LeSage** - March 06, 2017 at 11:45 PM

GW

“ *To all of Duke's family, we are so sorry to learn of the passing of your loved one.*

*We are currently in Arizona, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. You are*

*all very special to us. Our deepest sympathy to all of you at this difficult time.*

*With our love, Gordon and Nancy Wheeler*

**Gordon & Nancy Wheeler** - March 06, 2017 at 10:37 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage.*



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March 06, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ *Larry & Patsy (Harvell) Hofer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Everell Bernard "Duke" Lesage.*



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**Larry & Patsy (Harvell) Hofer** - March 05, 2017 at 01:50 PM