



Lester H. Korsmeyer

November 19, 1920 - June 24, 2008

Lester H. "Les" Korsmeyer, age 87, of Highland, IL., died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born November 19, 1920, in New Douglas, IL., the son of Ernst and Ella (nee Schuermann) Korsmeyer.

On May 14, 1949, he married Lucille M. Conrad, who survives.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL; Life Long Member Alhambra American Legion Post 1147, Alhambra, IL; VFW Post 5694, Highland, IL; 8th Air Force Historical and Memorial Group; former member Salem United Church of Christ, Alhambra, IL.

Resided in Alhambra, IL, until moving to Highland in 1998. Graduated from St. Jacob High School in 1939.

He enlisted with the Army Air Corps, September 1942, and by March, 1944, he was assigned to the 8th Air Force's 94th Bomb Group at an American air base at Bury St. Edmunds, England. He was part of a 10-member B-17 crew and was the left waistgunner. A normal tour of duty for bomber crews was 25 missions. Mr. Korsmeyer flew on 26 missions without injury, and was discharged in November 1945.

He returned & was employed at the Alhambra Lumber Company, until

retirement in 1983. He enjoyed photography, woodworking, traveling and supporting young people as they excelled in their activities.

Survivors include Wife-Lucille M. Korsmeyer (nee Conrad) of Highland, IL, Son-Lanier L. (Janet) Korsmeyer of Wauwatosa, WI, Daughter-Leanne (Steven) Satterthwaite of Coal Valley, IL, Grandson-Randall (Mary) Satterthwaite of Waterloo, IA, Granddaughter-Kristen (Jon) Canfield of Rockton, IL, Grandson-Michael Korsmeyer of Wauwatosa, WI.

He was preceded in death by Father-Ernst Korsmeyer, Mother-Ella (nee Schuermann) Korsmeyer