



## Earl E. Delhotal

May 30, 1922 - July 9, 2024

Much beloved World War II Army Veteran, Earl E. Delhotal (102) of Sterling, formerly of Dixon, IL passed away peacefully in his home on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

He was born on May 30, 1922, in Amboy, IL, the son of Emil and Florence (Campbell) Delhotal. After serving in the military, he met and fell in love with Ala Marie Fisher in Walnut, IL. They were married for 18 years and had four children.

In his long career, Earl worked at Reynolds Wire Company, the Dixon State School, and later owned and operated The Office in Amboy, IL as well as the Buffalo Inn in LaMoile, IL before his retirement.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, VFW Post 540, Disabled American Veterans, Dixon Moose Lodge 737, Dixon Golden K, Sterling American Legion, and the Lee Co. Council on Aging.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his son, James Delhotal, 4 sisters Jeanette Gugerty, Edith Minnick, Beatrice Ackerson, Karen Lee Delhotal, and three brothers LeRoy Delhotal, Donald Delhotal, and Gerald Delhotal.

Earl is survived by his children Dawn Taylor of Sterling, Sharie (Paul) Bowman of Auburn, WA, Alan (Angie) Delhotal of Dixon, 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. He is loved by all!

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial with military honors will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. Visitation will be on Monday, July 15,

2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Memorial donations can be made to Dixon Senior Center or Dixon VFW. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

1121 N. Galena Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 15.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

**JUL 16.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon  
612 S. Highland Ave.  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 284-7719  
[office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net)  
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Paul and Sharie Bowman and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earl E. Delhotal.



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**Paul and Sharie Bowman and family** - July 14, 2024 at 08:52 PM

PB

“ I always enjoyed our visits with Earl when we made the trip from Washington State to Illinois to visit Sharie's family. I met him the first time in May of 1981 after his daughter Sharie and I got married. He was glad to meet me and he cashed out an insurance policy to help us get started. We were poor students back then with a year of school left so it helped us a lot! As our kids came along in later years he enjoyed meeting them. He liked sharing his experiences in WWII and he had a book about his unit in the Philippines that was interesting to look through. We used to go out to eat at a local diner during our visits and the staff was glad to see him. He was kind to all and he lived an amazing life.

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**Paul Bowman** - July 14, 2024 at 08:42 PM

CC

“ He was a quiet very nice man. once you got him talking he cold tell great stories. I used to put things on his door. When the stamp came out I put one of them on his door. Shared a paper with him. I'm not in Dixon any more but have often wondered where he was. He lived right across from a lady that had been in the German war. She wrote a story about her time and what she did in the war. When the war ended they did not even supply them with a ride home. She read her story to us at one of our group dinners. I asked him what he thought of the story. All he said was ...not much.

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**Connie Cross** - July 12, 2024 at 02:30 PM