



## Charles Hancock

May 5, 1925 - April 26, 2013

Charles E. Hancock, 87, of Bloomington passed away Friday April 26th at the I.U. Health Hospice House. He was born into a family of 13 children to Frank and Nellie (Lyford) Hancock of Gosport, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Sue (Simpson) Hancock, his children, Danny Hancock, Becky (Bruce) Merida, and Larry Hancock all of Bloomington, five grandchildren Megan (Cody) Burner, MeCayla Merida, Jeremy Southern, Jessica Hancock, and Jamie Hancock, four Great Grandchildren Rylee, Wyatt, and Luke Burner, and Cameron Southern. Also surviving are 2 Sisters, Myrna (Pete) Moore, Eloise Siskel, and one brother Stanley Hancock. Also many nieces and nephews. He referred to himself as Charles E., but was affectionately known to his family as Gene and to his many, many friends as Charlie. As his friends knew well, Charlie never met a stranger. If you had an hour to "burn", he would fill it with any number of stories about his many favorite topics. Mushroom hunting, fishing, gardening, Army, Grandkids. You get the idea, he loved to talk to people. This Country owes him a great debt, He gave up 24 years of his life serving in the U.S. Army Infantry. He was not a pencil pusher, he was a soldier. He was in a small number of soldiers in this country that participated in 3 wars, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. His world was his Grandchildren, or as he referred to them, "The Grands." He left this life saying "it's been a great ride!" He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Public graveside services will be held at Valhalla Memory Gardens at 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 29th with the Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard conducting Military Graveside Rites. There will be no public visitation. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37, Bloomington is in charge of arrangements

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Becky and Family,

*I just saw your Dad's obituary. I am so very sorry, I had no idea your Dad had been ill. Praying for you all.*

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**Tonda Hawkins** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ Bill and I were sad to hear of Charlie's passing. We will miss going back and seeing his smiling face and waving at us. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bill & Nancy Cowden** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ My sincere condolences and wishing for the family much comfort and great memory's!

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**Pam Breeden** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ Becky and family...so sorry about Charlie's passing. I hadn't known him long, but from the first day I met him he treated me like an old friend. He always livened up the bank when he came in, and I know he brightened your lives as well. He will be greatly missed.

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**Kathy Hertz** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ Heard the news today from Mom and Dad, sorry about your loss. Sending prayers for the whole family your way. Love, Lisa & Jay  
(I am Don and Lou's daughter)

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**Lisa Cox-Stengel** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ Sorry about the passing of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love Karen

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**Karen Arvin** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM