



## Lester E. Sheridan

December 19, 1924 - March 20, 2018

Lester E. Sheridan, age 93, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away March 20, 2018 in Valparaiso.

Born December 19, 1924 in Whittington, IL, Les was the son of the late Phillip and Cecil (Cape) Sheridan. He was the fifth of nine children.

Lester is survived by his sister Mavis Moore; brother Buddy (Opal) Burton; daughters Sandra (Jim) Austgen and Pam (Rick) Sedlacek; grandchildren Grant (Ashley) Austgen, Brad Austgen, Chris (Angela) Sedlacek, and Emily Sedlacek; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his wife Beverly Sheridan and her children Debbie (Tripp) Waldo, Mike (Tammy) Cummings, Candy (Joe) Gacsy, and Scott (Diane) Cummings; and numerous nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

At age 17, Lester joined the U.S. Marines, serving in the South Pacific during World War II where his Marine Fighting Squadron Two Hundred Fourteen received the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in action at Guadalcanal and other locations. He completed his military service as an instructor at the Naval Training Station in Chicago. After that he was a bus driver with Gary City Bus Company. Lester then served 19 years in the Indiana State Police and was the first police chief of Merrillville, IN. He was

Chief of Investigations, Safety & Security at the Royal Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Lester worked at INDOT from 1990 to 2017, first serving as Operations Foreman, then Manager of the Gary Sub-District, and finally as a Field Investigator with the Traffic Department at the LaPorte District Complex up to his retirement at age 92.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 23, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Burns Funeral Home in Crown Point, Indiana. A graveside service will follow at Angelcrest Cemetery, in Valparaiso.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Marine Corps Sponsored Toys for Tots made payable to Dunes Leathernecks or Vale Park Animal Hospital. Online condolences may be made to the family at <http://www.burnsfuneral.com>

# Cemetery Details

## Angelcrest Cemetery

Highway 49 and 600 North  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
[info@burnsfuneral.com](mailto:info@burnsfuneral.com)  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ On April 20th, 1976 he forever changed my life when he ran a red light on US 30 in his police cruiser (off duty) while intoxicated and hit my vehicle when I passed through the intersection. Ejecting me from the vehicle, I landed in the middle of the west bound lane. Laying there with severe injuries the would be with me to this day. My memories of him are not fond. May he rest in peace. JJS

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**John** - April 08, 2020 at 06:08 AM

MM

“ So long Les...you were a good man and a great friend...semper fi and God bless.

*Mike McPhillips retired HPD, INDOT and fellow Marine.*

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**Mike McPhillips** - March 22, 2018 at 09:35 PM

JM

“ There are so many I can't think of them all. My life is so much better knowing him and listening to his many stories of his life. He introduced me to some of his personal friends which enriched me more than I can say. He will be missed and I'm sorry I didn't get to see him one last time.

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**JJ Morris** - March 22, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester E. Sheridan .



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March 21, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester E. Sheridan .*



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March 21, 2018 at 03:30 PM



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**DaveLain** - March 21, 2018 at 01:44 PM