Duane William Lowe passed away on October 20, 2015, at the age of 84 at his home in Wheaton, Illinois, with the comfort of his loving family and friends.

He was born on November 22, 1930, in Montezuma, Iowa, where he spent his childhood years. In his heart it was always his second home and he visited often. While attending school there, he actively participated in band and sports. He attended Central College in Pella, Iowa, prior to enlisting in the army where he proudly served his country as an Army Sergeant in the Korean War in 1951. Following his discharge from the army, he began his 39-year career with AT&T in Ewart, Iowa. He relocated to Davenport, Iowa, and then to Cincinnati, Ohio, before becoming a Senior Consultant for AT&T in Chicago, Illinois, and became a resident of Wheaton, Illinois, where he and his wife have resided ever since. Upon his retirement in 1990, Duane and Nancy were able to enjoy their love of travel and visited many of the places that they always wanted to see and experience.

Family was of great importance to Duane and he was extremely proud of his children and their families. He was actively involved in each of their lives and felt very blessed by each one of them. He rarely missed a baseball, basketball, soccer or football game that any of his grandchildren participated in and traveled to where ever they were playing. Duane and Nancy were and are their biggest fans.

He also felt very fortunate to have wonderful neighbors and friends. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Bowers) Lowe, his sweetheart, whom he was married to for 64 years; his brother Norval Lowe (Donna George); his four children, Melinda (James) Gourley, Elizabeth (Hugh) Gourley, Michael (Peggy) Lowe and James (Carolyn) Lowe; 16 grandchildren, Ian (Sonia) Gourley, Meggan (Mike) Wade, Shane Gourley, Ross (Tascha) Gourley, Will (Krista) Gourley, Brent (Sarah) Gourley, Michael (Nisha) Lowe, Melissa (Paul) Bennett, Michele (Jeremy) Weiland, Shawna Lowe, Chad (Jaella) Lowe, Nicholas Lowe, Jacob Lowe, Matthew Lowe, Grant Lowe, and Samuel Lowe; and 24 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Lowe, his mother, Gertrude (Jacobs) Lowe and two of his brothers, Wayne and Sam Byers. He will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday October 22nd at Country Evangelical Covenant Church, Elgin, Illinois, at 3:00 p.m. and graveside services in Montezuma, Iowa, Friday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the American Legion of Montezuma Iowa.