



Barry L. Essenpreis

September 9, 1942 - September 9, 2015

Barry L. Essenpreis, age 73 of Pocahontas, IL, died Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at his residence in Pocahontas, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, September 9, 1942, in Highland, IL, the son of Leto H. "Pete" and Thelma R. (nee Mack) Essenpreis.

On Friday, January 15, 1965, he married Shirley A. Essenpreis (nee Balla) who survives.

He was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ; Gordon Lodge #473 AF&AM- Pocahontas, IL (Past Master - several times); Bond County Antique Machine Club. He was a former member of Local 688 IA of M.

Barry was born at Highland; grew up on the family farm northeast of Grantfork. He was a graduate of Highland High School 1960. He attended Rankin Trade School; O'Fallon Tech School in St. Louis. He worked as a Tool & Die Maker for Universal Match, ITT Blackburn and then McDonnell-Douglas until 1992. He started driving over-the-road semi's for Highland Ready Mix; Riechmann Trucking; 5-Star; and A & R Transport. He retired from driving in early 2000's. In addition to working, he and his wife operated a grain and livestock farm. He raised Fainting goats, Alpaca, miniature horses and miniature donkeys were part of his menagerie. Working was his hobby.

Always a "jokester"; never met a stranger. He enjoyed playing pinochle, listening to music and dancing. He collected antique farm machinery.

Survivors include:

Wife - Shirley A. Essenpreis nee Balla, Pocahontas, IL

Son - Michael R. (Mary) Essenpreis, Sorento, IL

Daughter - Deborah L. "Debbie" (Brady) Kesner, Highland, IL

Son - Thomas R. (Rebecca) Essenpreis, Hawthorne, CA

Grandchild - James M. Essenpreis, Sorento, IL

Grandchild - Shannon M. (Drew) Smith, Pearl City, HI

Grandchild - Sydney A. Kesner, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Taylor R. Kesner, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Sagan S. Essenpreis, Hawthorne, CA

Sister - Betty A. (William) Hemann (twin to Barry), Edmond, OK

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Leto H. "Pete" Essenpreis (Died 6/16/1997)

Mother - Thelma R. Essenpreis, nee Mack (Died 04/19/2012)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, September 11, 2015, and from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, on Saturday, September 12, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 12, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Tim A. Darmour-Paul, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grantfork United Church of Christ;
Shriners Hospital for Children.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Marsha Starnes lit a candle in memory of Barry L. Essenpreis*



Marsha Starnes - September 13, 2015 at 06:38 PM

PL

“ *Debbie, Mike and Tom,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all for the loss you are sharing. I remember Barry and Betty from high school and what a pair they were. Your dad always willing to help anyone and everyone. Then your mom came onto the scene and what a lovely person and compliment to your dad she was. Then of course along came the three of you and it was always a pleasure to watch you grow into wonderful adults and now with families of your own. Be strong, but always enjoy the memories of good times. God Bless.
Pam & Aimee Lecerf*

Pam Lecerf - September 12, 2015 at 02:29 PM

M&

“ *Micki & Rex Rau, Seth, Sarah, & Matt sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry L. Essenpreis*



Micki & Rex Rau, Seth, Sarah, & Matt - September 12, 2015 at 08:36 AM

MF

“ *Mark & Sandy Becker And Family lit a candle in memory of Barry L. Essenpreis*



Mark & Sandy Becker and family - September 11, 2015 at 09:31 PM

GF

“ *BARRY AND I HAD MANY, MANY GOOD TIMES TOGETHER. OUR DADS FARMED GROUND ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER AND BARRY AND I ALWAYS HAD TO TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS WEEK END PLANS. WE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER, HUNTED TOGETHER, SERVED IN THE ARMY TOGETHER. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER BARRY AS BEING ONE OF MY CLOSEST BUDDYS. .*

GERALD FREY - September 11, 2015 at 12:54 PM

LD

“ *Shirley and Gabby I have such fond memories of Barry taking piano lessons at my house he always got his lesson and he was very good at music and he never had a bad word for me I will really miss him this is Lillian*

lillian Daiber - September 10, 2015 at 07:28 PM