



Burnell L. J. Bosshart

May 13, 1939 - September 17, 2013

Burnell L. J. Bosshart, age 74 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Highland, IL, the son of Lester John and Stella Helen (nee Landmann) Bosshart.

On Sunday, December 20, 1959, he married Delores Jean "Dee" Bosshart (nee Strasen) who passed away on Friday, November 13, 2009.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, Illinois.

Burnell was born and reared at Highland, IL; attended Highland schools and served with the US Navy with duty on the west coast aboard the USS Lexington. After his discharge he returned to Highland and Oct 26, 1960, he went to work for the City of Highland, in the Electric Power Plant; Oct 24, 1977, promoted to Plant Foreman and May 31, 1994 retired as Plant Supervisor. He loved to tinker (take things apart and put it back together); going to yard sales; welding and fabricating; working on cars.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Gerri Lee (Alex) Baja, Tampa, FL

Son - Rick W. (Andi) Bosshart, Arrington, TN

Daughter - Wendy Jo Pace, Highland, IL
Daughter - Toni Kay (significant other-Bradley Hickerson) North, Hamilton, IL
Grandchild - Sheena Elise Jean Cayson (Joseph) Kircher, Smithboro, IL
Grandchild - Ashley Elizabeth Bosshart, Nashville, TN
Grandchild - Felicia Jean Pace, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Sara Ellen Bosshart, Gallatin, TN
Grandchild - Kayla Jo Pace, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Trish Elise Jean Cayson (Chris) Forrester, Tampa, FL
Grandchild - Hanna Taylor North, Hamilton, IL
Grandchild - Arich William (Breanna) Bosshart, Hamilton, IL
Great Grandchild - Izabella Marie Kircher, Smithboro, IL
Great Grandchild - Abygale Marie Kircher, Smithboro, IL
Great Grandchild - Francisco Martin Lopez, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Emmett Jude Pace, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Jayden Cayson, Tampa, FL
Great Grandchild - Kamryn Taylor Barr, Gallatin, TN
Brother - Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Bosshart, Retired USAF, Las Vegas,
NV
Half Sister - Judy (Mike) Paty, Sequim, WA
Son - Rick W. Bosshart, Arrington, TN

He was preceded in death by:

Wife - Delores J. "Dee" Bosshart (died 11/13/2009)

Father - Lester John Bosshart

Mother - Stella Helen Bosshart nee Landmann

Private Services were held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Wendy Pace lit a candle in memory of Burnell
L. J. Bosshart*



wendy pace - October 02, 2013 at 08:01 PM

TO

“ *This is my dad. He suffered from a terrible disease called mesothelioma. It is caused by asbestosis exposure. It is a deadly form of lung cancer that unfortunately has a latent period of decades and usually does not present symptoms until it is in it's latest stages. To say my dad was smart is a gross understatement, although far from genius he was pretty darn intelligent with limited education. With his passing we lose so much valuable intellect that unfortunately most cannot be passed down. He was always such a kidder and had a silly story to recall, even if fiction still entertaining as all get out. With his passing, he has left the most precious gift to me and that is the new bonds that have been created with my sisters Wendy Bosshart Pace, Gerri Bosshart Baja and my brother Rick. I can only hope that he can hear me when I give him my thank you's every single night. I am thankful for the relationship that he did allow for each of us children to foster in the time that we had. My loss will be felt every single minute of every single day.*

Toni - October 02, 2013 at 02:49 PM

TO

“ Toni lit a candle in memory of Burnell L. J.
Bosshart



Toni - October 02, 2013 at 02:45 PM

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“ My condolences to Bob, Rick and the girls (who I really never did know) on the loss of your brother and father. Burnell and I knew each other since the early 1950's when we were in High School. When Burnell was in the Navy we actually wrote letters back and forth. Can you believe that? We kept in touch after he married.

In 1970 I applied for and was hired as a fireman at the power plant. Burnell worked midnights and I afternoons. There were fun and scary times. Burnell liked practical jokes but there were times when the coal elevator froze up and we had to climb the coal silo to open it up. Not fun. After the coal plant shut down and the plant went to diesel engines there were different kinds of scary. There is nothing darker than a power plant when it's down. The City sent us to several diesel schools which were fun mostly. Eventually the plant went on standby and I went on various jobs with the electric department. Burnell stayed at the plant.

When he retired he worked in his garage which was like his second home I thought. Eventually taking care of Delores through her illness. I seldom saw him after that. Occasionally meeting him at WalMart or Rural King.

I was very surprised to read of his passing. I always thought he'll live to be 100. Slim, not an ounce of fat on him. Ate like a bird I thought. As some wise person said "tomorrow is promised to no one". My sympathy to everyone.

Carl Neier - September 19, 2013 at 04:50 PM

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Thank you for the kind words and thoughts. We will miss our dad dearly, but he stayed at home and we (Gerri, Rick, Toni and myself Wendy) all took care of him just the way he wanted. We lost a very special person but he is with his one true love...mom. Thank you Carl for the kind words.

wendy pace - October 02, 2013 at 08:00 PM