



Darwin Dale Wiess

February 14, 1938 - February 14, 2025

Darwin Dale Wiess, age 87, of Highland, IL, died Friday, February 14, 2025, at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

He was born on February 14, 1938, in Highland, IL, the son of Ralph W. Wiess and Vera Lydia Wiess (nee Kueker). Darwin married Margo (nee Moss) on October 26, 1963 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

Mr. Wiess grew up in Troy, IL, before moving to Highland, IL. He graduated Highland High School in 1955. He then attended SIU-C, graduating in 1960 with a degree in Journalism, as well as being a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. He went to work for a newspaper in Rockford, IL before volunteering for military service. Upon his return to Highland, Darwin worked for the St. Louis Globe Democrat, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and ultimately retiring from Missouri Athletic Club.

Mr. Wiess and Ron Jacober owned WINU radio station for several years. He enjoyed golfing (he got a 'hole-in-one' on hole 5), fishing, and watching his grandson play baseball. He loved cooking Italian food and working in his yard.

Survivors include: Wife: Margo C. Wiess (nee Moss), Son – Timothy E. (Amy D.) Wiess, M.D. of Munster, IN, Daughter – Elizabeth Ann (Mark) Reinders of Edwardsville, IL, Son – Ryan C. Wiess of Greenville, IL, Grandchildren:

Jessica C. Wiess, Timothy Joseph "TJ" (Amber) Wiess, D.O., Hailey E. (Collin) Adams, and Jacob K. Reinders; Brother – Gary W. (Deborah) Wiess and Sister – Janice K. Draper.

He was preceded in death by: Father – Ralph W. Wiess (died 8/26/1982), Mother – Vera Lydia Wiess (nee Kueker) (died 10/5/1999), and Brother-In-Law – Alan C. Draper (died 6/12/2011).

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. Visitation will be Friday, February 28, 2025, at Saint Paul Catholic Church from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating. Interment will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church, Masses, or Brauns Terrace (Ryan's group home in Greenville, IL).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Paul Catholic Church
1411 Main St
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2339

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *My sincerest sympathy to all the family.*
Linda Iberg

Linda Iberg - February 28, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Timothy & Amy Wiess and His family during this difficult time.*



Wendy Burnette - February 20, 2025 at 04:33 PM



Thank you very much

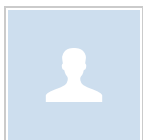
AMY WIESS - February 23, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darwin Dale Wiess.*



February 20, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darwin Dale Wiess.*

February 20, 2025 at 03:01 PM

TI

“ *Timmermann purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Darwin Dale Wiess.*



Timmermann - February 20, 2025 at 09:41 AM

SK

“ *Margo, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You, Darwin, and Ryan were great neighbors to Bill and me. Bill's passing has been eight years now, and I live in the Raleigh, N.C., area, near my daughter. You and your family have my extreme sympathy.*



Sandra K Kohlbrecher - February 20, 2025 at 07:52 AM

PA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Margo and family on this loss. Darwin was always smiling and a friend to everyone he met. God Speed.*

Pam Ulrich Lecerf and Aimee - February 19, 2025 at 04:14 PM

LP

“ *Deepest Condolences to the entire Wiess family and friends on this great loss. Praying God grants you all the strength you'll need in this difficult time of need. Latrina P.*

Latrina Pugh - February 19, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darwin Dale Wiess.*



February 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darwin Dale Wiess.

February 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *My depest sympathy to the Family and Loved Ones, Darwin was so helpful with me with advertising at the Cheese Shop. He became a special friend. May he Rest in Peace. June Yann*

June Yann - February 17, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ *I just learned of Darwin's death. We went to SIU together and lived together for a few years. We both graduated from the Journalism school. He was smarter than I was so he graduated a year earlier (1960!) One of the major disappointments in our lives was a failure to make the purchase of radio station WINU successful. But, it was not Darwin's fault. He did everything but sleep there. In fact, he might have done that some nights. He worked incredibly hard to make it what we wanted--a great small town station. Darwin loved Highland, loved his family and loved to play golf. To be honest, it saddens me that we were not closer later in life. God Bless DW.
Ron Jacober*

Ron Jacober - February 17, 2025 at 06:37 PM

CH

“ *Margo and Darwin, it was always a joy to see your smiling, friendly faces in church. Margo, you will have to smile for the both of you now!!*

Carol Henrichs - February 17, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JD

“ *I will dearly miss you.*

Jan Draper - February 17, 2025 at 03:41 PM