



Donald J. Mersinger

October 2, 1925 - May 25, 2014

Donald James Mersinger, age 88 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, May 25, 2014, at his residence.

He was born October 02, 1925, in Saint Jacob, IL, the son of Leo Valentine and Sophie Teresa (nee Nagel) Mersinger.

On November 25, 1950, he married Ruth Estelle Koch who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. He was also a member of Holy Name Society (Past President); Rural Mail Carriers Local.

Donald was born at St. Jacob and moved to Highland at age 2 1/2 years old. He has lived on the home place every since. He attended Saint Paul School. He helped with family farm, assumed operation of farm (livestock and grain) after his father's death. He retired from farming in 1977. He started in 1968 as a sub mail carrier and went full time in 1977 in the Highland Post Office. He retired in 1988. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling (3 times a week), taking care of his garden, puzzles, picking walnuts and playing cards (Poker and Jass). Enjoyed traveling to Florida, Hawaii, and Italy . He was an avid reader. He loved to travel to visit his grandchildren.

Survivors include :

Wife - Ruth E. Mersinger nee Koch, Highland, IL
Son - Glenn P. (Shirley) Mersinger, Apex, NC
Daughter - Nancy A. (Donald) Jolly, Jacksonville, IL
Son - Wayne A. (Betty) Mersinger, Loogootee, IN
Daughter - Julie M. (Robert) Hammer, Highland, IL
Daughter - Brenda L. (Jay) Simon, Alexandria, VA
Daughter - Amy S. (Randy) Roser, Bloomington, IL
Grandchild - Jennifer L. (Jason) Brown
Grandchild - Robert P. (Erin) Hammer II
Grandchild - Kristy N. Mersinger
Grandchild - Matthew R. Hammer
Grandchild - Michael P. Jolly
Grandchild - James S. (Megan) Mersinger
Grandchild - Catherine M. Hammer
Grandchild - Lauren E. (Troy) Hawkins
Grandchild - Timothy A. Mersinger
Grandchild - Jeffrey S. Mersinger
Grandchild - Kathryn A. Jolly
Grandchild - Alexander H. Simon
Grandchild - Elliot T. Simon
Grandchild - Paige A. Roser
Grandchild - Miranda J. Roser
Great Grandchild - Jocelyn Brown
Great Grandchild - Jonathan Brown
Great Grandchild - Benjamin Hawkins
Great Grandchild - Addison Hammer
Sister - Gail J. (Joseph A.) McGee, Highland, IL
Brother - Thomas C. Mersinger, Chamblee, GA

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Leo V. Mersinger died 11/30/1951

Mother - Sophie T. Mersinger nee Nagel died 4/13/1965

Son - James A. Mersinger (stillborn 1962)

Brother - Delmar R. Mersinger, died 1/14/2008

Sister - Doris A. Smith, died 8/18/2006

Sister - Norine G. Gall died 7/01/2009

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, May 30, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Charles A. Edwards, Pastor, Highland, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Vincent De Paul Society; Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago, IL; School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald J. Mersinger*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - May 28, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ *Love Carries on Pendant was purchased for the family of Donald J. Mersinger.*



June 06, 2014 at 04:49 PM



“ *Jenny- Chris and I are so sorry for your loss. Know that he is never far from you - he's the kids new guardian angel in Heaven.*
Fran

Francis Hall - May 30, 2014 at 07:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald J. Mersinger.*



May 30, 2014 at 07:21 AM

DH

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

*DeLynn Henry
Alexandria, VA*

DeLynn Henry - May 29, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald J. Mersinger.*



May 28, 2014 at 07:17 PM

SM

“ *So sorry to read that Don has passed away. My sympathy to you Ruth and all of your children. I am glad I got to babysit and get to know your children, With deepest sympathy---Sharon (McCain) Mueller Papillion, Nebraska*

SHARON MUELLER - May 28, 2014 at 04:24 PM

CG

“ *Carol Goering purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Donald J. Mersinger.*



Carol Goering - May 28, 2014 at 12:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald J. Mersinger.*



May 28, 2014 at 06:53 AM



“ *Ruth and Family,
So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Brian & Melanie McGee and family

Brian McGee - May 28, 2014 at 06:46 AM



“ *Dear Ruth and family- Thinking of you during this difficult time. You have our sympathy.*

Tina and Brad Frank

Tina Frank - May 27, 2014 at 08:08 PM



“ *Amy and family,*

So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Robyn, Michelle, Jenna, and Megan Schuline



The Schulines - May 27, 2014 at 07:56 AM

SD

“ Sarah and Les Deaton purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Donald J. Mersinger.



Sarah and Les Deaton - May 27, 2014 at 02:53 AM

MG

“ Dear Amy,

I just opened my email, my mom (Bunny) just sent me the sad news. I'm saddened to hear of your Dads passing. My heart goes out to you and your entire family. I always loved spending the night at your house. I remember sitting at the kitchen table with your Mom & Dad and sharing supper and talking. God love ya. Hugs and may you be comforted. Bless your Dad.

Take Care ~love your old school friend,

Michelle (Korte) Gerberding

Michelle Gerberding - May 26, 2014 at 08:35 PM