



Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Jr.

May 10, 1937 - September 26, 2018

Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Jr., age 81 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at Faith Countryside Homes/Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born on Monday, May 10, 1937, in Highland, IL, the son of Ervin G. "Jeff" and Cecelia A. (nee Schniers) Schwend.

On Friday, December 04, 1987, he married Jill M. Schwend nee Schroeder at Trenton, IL, who survives.

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

Born and raised at Highland, IL; graduated from Highland High School in 1955. He was a union meat cutter at the A & P and later at Neubauer's Meat Market. He then owned and operated Reaban's Restaurant; later owned Jeff's Drive Inn. In 1985 he owned Whiteway Washateria, now known as Schwend's Dry Cleaning. He was a former owner of the Trenton House Restaurant and Schwend's Country Buffett-Breese. In 1978 he was elected the first President of Faith Countryside Homes and he also was a past board member of the 1st National Bank, Highland. His cars were always immaculate and was his yard. He enjoyed travelling, especially to the Lake of the Ozarks, He loved cooking, eating out and especially being with his grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Wife - Jill M. Schwend, nee Schroeder, Highland, IL
Daughter - Donna M. (Gary) Schuster, Pocahontas, IL
Daughter - Dee A. (Randy) Luitjohan, Highland, IL
Step Child - Brandi J. (significant other-David Plocher) Johnston, Highland, IL
Step Child - Janell M. (Eli) Straeter, Highland, IL
Step Child - Byron J. (Lisa) Johnston, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Kyle A. (Veronica) Schuster, Pocahontas, IL
Grandchild - Natalie M. Schuster, Frastburg, MA
Grandchild - Kara E. Luitjohan, Santa Fe, NM
Grandchild - Jenna A. Luitjohan, Fort Collins, CO
Step Grandchild - Brandon B. Hosto, Alhambra, IL
Step Grandchild - Garrick K. Winkeler, Highland, IL
Step Grandchild - Arianna C. Johnston, Highland, IL
Step Grandchild - Rhett E. Straeter, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Wren Schuster, Pocahontas, IL
Great Grandchild - Robin Schuster, Pocahontas, IL
Step Great Grandchild - Oliver A. Hosto, Alhambra, IL
Brother - William F. "Bill" (Betty) Schwend, Highland, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Sr. - Died 03/26/1990
Mother - Cecelia A. Schwend, nee Schniers - Died 5/26/1986
Sister - Laurene Schwend - infant 3/4/1945 @ age 8 hours
Sister - Vivian M. Giger - Died 7/3/2016
Sister - Calvin R. "Cal" Schwend - Died 12/24/2012
Brother - R. Eugene "Gene" Schwend - Died 9/22/2013.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 8:00 AM to 9:45 AM on Monday, October 01, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 01, 2018, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, Rev. Msgr. David L. Peters, Pastor Emeritus, St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, Celebrant.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Educational Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Jr..*



October 01, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jill I am so sorry for your loss. Our prayers an thoughts are with you always.*

Ronald and June (Linenfelser) Kahrhoff

June kahrhoff - September 29, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ *The Hosto Family ...Bret, Brandon, Oliver, Gene, purchased the Garden Accent - "Gone yet not for gotten..." - Heart for the family of Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Jr..*



The Hosto Family ...Bret, Brandon, Oliver, Gene, - September 29, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Jr..*



September 29, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Jr..*



September 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Ervin G. "Jeff" Schwend, Jr.*

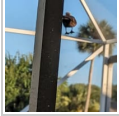


Rita Rinderer - September 27, 2018 at 11:35 PM



“ *I really enjoyed working for Mr. Schwend at Jeff's Drive-In way back in the 80s. My memories are that he was a fair, kind & patient boss for us teens who were just learning how to make milkshakes, clean floors and fry hamburgers. I still think of Jeff's drive-in and how clean it had to be at the end of the night when we eat at a family restaurant! He was a good teacher!*

Anne Bjornson Parkinson - September 27, 2018 at 07:30 PM



So sorry to hear about Jeff. Always had a smile and we enjoyed knowing him. Bill and Sue Tuffli

Sue Tuffli - September 28, 2018 at 08:06 AM



Sorry to learn about your loss...Jeff was a very high quality type of man and I'm certain you will miss him. Praying for comfort & strength you and your family...

Jim Kennett

jim kennett - October 02, 2018 at 02:32 PM