



Harold P. Thurnau

February 5, 1923 - June 23, 2013

Harold Paul Thurnau, age 90 of Saint Jacob, IL, died Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Faith Countryside Homes/Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born February 05, 1923, in Saint Jacob, IL, the son of Oliver Charles and Mary Frances (nee Liebler) Thurnau.

On October 24, 1951, he married Laurine Evelyn Knebel who survives .

He was a member of St. James Catholic Church. He was also a member of St. Jacob Volunteer Fire Dept. (38 years); Madison County Farm Bureau; Former member of St. Jacob Village Board; St. Jacob Homecoming Assoc; 4-H Leader .

Harold was born and grew up northeast of St. Jacob and attended Oak Grove School. He graduated Highland High School in 1941. He worked on the family farm and was active in 4-H and Madison County Rural Youth. He had worked for Madison Service Co. in Edwardsville, Highland Elevator, Wheat's LP Gas in Highland, Bergmann-Taylor Seeds in St. Jacob, Morstain Transfer in Highland, St. Jacob Grade School, and in addition he farmed most of his life. In his retirement he raised sheep. He lived all of his life in St. Jacob, except for the last five years when he was a resident of Faith Countryside Nursing Home in Highland. He enjoyed St. Louis Cardinal Baseball, working Bingo at

Madison County Firemen\'s Hall in Collinsville, playing cards, spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren and helping them show 4-H animals at the Madison County Fair.

Survivors include :

Wife - Laurine E. Thurnau nee Knebel, Highland, IL

Daughter - Mary A. Rottmann, Highland, IL

Son - James L. (Sandy) Thurnau, Galesburg, IL

Son - Steven G. (Susan) Thurnau, Saint Jacob, IL

Daughter - Judith L. (Louis) Berkley, Conway, SC

Grandchild - Shelli L. (Gary) Claro, Pierron, IL

Grandchild - Dennis A. (April) Rottmann, Pierron, IL

Grandchild - Jenny R. Thurnau, Milwaukee, WI

Grandchild - Carrie A. Thurnau, Galesburg, IL

Grandchild - Bobby L. Berkley, Conway, SC

Grandchild - Stefan M.(Lyndsie) Thurnau, Florissant, MO

Grandchild - Cindy L. Berkley, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Stacey J. Thurnau, Troy, IL

Grandchild - Shari B. Thurnau (Significant Other Jeff Keffer), Maryville, IL

Great Grandchildren - Eight .

Great Great Grandchild - One .

Brother - Warren (Betty) Thurnau, Saint Jacob, IL

Sister - Olive Nungesser, Highland, IL

Sister - Eleanor Pirok, Highland, IL

Brother - Clifford (Betty) Thurnau, Edwardsville, IL

Sister - Joan (George) Willaredt, Edwardsville, IL

Brother - Robert (Dorothy) Thurnau, Saint Jacob, IL

Brother In-law - Dale Gerstenecker, O\'Fallon, IL

Sister In-law - Ethel Ludwig, Afton, MO

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Oliver Charles Thurnau died 7/21/1969

Mother - Mary Frances Thurnau nee Liebler died 4/26/1955

Daughter - Joan Marie Thurnau stillborn died 8/23/1974

Daughter - Jane M. Thurnau died 3/9/1995 age 37

Grandchild - Mark Rottmann died 1/5/1995 at age 18

Brother In-law - Delmar Nungesser died 8/31/1984

Brother In-law - Henry Pirok died 10/6/2012

Sister - Jeanette M. Taylor died 12/15/2009

Brother In-law - Louis Taylor died 3/2/2011

Sister - Lyla Gerstenecker died 11/3/2005

Brother In-law - Leslie Knebel died 2/20/1993

Brother In-law - Charles Ludwig died 3/2/2002

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold P. Thurnau* ”



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM