



## John L. Gantner

May 11, 1926 - January 21, 2017

John L Gantner, age 90 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, January 21, 2017, at Kindred Hospital St. Louis in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Tuesday, May 11, 1926, in Highland, IL, the son of John E. and Theresa (nee Holzinger) Gantner.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1955, he married Elvina A. Gantner (nee Sudholt) at Damiansville, IL, who survives.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL; Knights of Columbus Council #1580, Highland, IL (Honorary Life Member - joining in 1946); Pana Prayer Group-Pana, IL (He and his wife joined the group in 1991).

John was born and reared in Highland, IL; graduated from St. Paul Catholic High School in 1944. In his younger years he had worked for Siegrist Shoe Store in Highland, was a Bookkeeper at Pierron Elevator; was a Manager at Keyesport Equity, was Superintendent of Eclipse Feeds in Highland, a Partner in Mobile Feed Processors, a Salesman for Triple F Feeds and Manager of Parkway Drive In in Highland. He is best remembered as the Manager of the Knights of Columbus Hall in Highland for 23 years - retiring in January 2000. In his retirement he worked part-time at the Highland Pistol & Rifle Club for a

short time. John enjoyed working in his garden and reading. He was a quick-witted, friendly, out-going person.

Survivors include:

Wife - Elvina A. Gantner (nee Sudholt), Highland, IL

Son - John A. (Donna) Gantner, Highland, IL

Daughter - Blanche T. Small, Highland, IL

Daughter - Norine A. (Robert) Groves, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Aaron J. (Kedra) Schuster, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Ty M. Small, Highland, IL

Grandchild - John C. Gantner, San Luis Obispo, CA

Grandchild - Krystal (Brian) McClenahan, Alhambra, IL

Grandchild - Valerie N. Small, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kelsey A. (Bas) Gantner Slats, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Adam J. Gantner, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Noah J. Schuster, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Jaxson D. Barton-Small, Saint Charles, MO

Great Grandchild - Wyatt D. McClenahan, Alhambra, IL

Great Grandchild - Owen W. Schuster, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Avery M. McClenahan, Alhambra, IL

Sister - Elizabeth "Betty" T. Maerz, Highland, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - John E. Gantner Died 9/26/1967

Mother - Theresa Gantner (nee Holzinger) Died 5/28/1987

Sister - Linette R. Korte Died 10/18/13

Brother - Orville L. Gantner Died 4/30/1989

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, pastor, officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your families loss, may you find comfort in the memories you all share. May God bless and comfort you all during this time of sorrow.

*Karen Pulliam-friend of Norine's.*

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**Karen Pulliam** - January 25, 2017 at 07:44 PM

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“ Family : Sorry to hear of your John's passing. It was very nice working with him on dairy cow nutrition at our farm years ago. I am looking forward to celebrating his life with you at mass this Wednesday. I am thinking my mom Blanche would have wanted to be with you this day as well. Bless all! JR Potthast

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**J R potthast** - January 22, 2017 at 11:38 PM

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“ OI John was always so cheerful and friendly even as he hobbled along on somebody's arm. See you soon John. This world is a mess, and now it's a worse mess without him.

*Kevin Kenney- Union MO*

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**Kevin Kenney** - January 22, 2017 at 07:16 PM