



John A. Wellen

July 28, 1928 - July 17, 2014

John Anthony Wellen, age 85 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, July 17, 2014, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Highland, IL, the son of John Henry and Rose Mary (nee Fehlker) Wellen.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1950, he married Alice M. Wellen (nee Beckmann) who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. He was also a member of VFW Post #5694 Highland, Helvetia Sharpshooters Society, Madison County Farm Bureau, and the Holy Name Society.

John was born at home, north east of Highland, where he grew up. He attended Immaculate Conception School in Pierron. He worked at Deutsch Egg Plant and Highland Box Board. Then, he served with the US Army in Korea during the Korean War. When he returned home, he worked at Highland Supply and as a carpenter for Gruenenfelder Lumber Co. and Linenfelser Lumber Co. He purchased a farm in 1956 and operated a dairy farm for 5 years, and then only grain. In the 1960's, he started Wellen Construction Co., retiring at age 65. He worked Bingo at the VFW for 50 years, was a member of a Bowling League, enjoyed bus trips with his wife all

over the United States, and traveled to Hawaii and Germany. John had a great sense of humor.

Survivors include:

Wife - Alice M. Wellen nee Beckmann, Highland, IL
Daughter - Linda L. (Steven) Heimsath, Highland, IL
Son - Mark J. (Tamra) Wellen, Highland, IL
Son - Larry G. (Mary Ann) Wellen, Highland, IL
Daughter - Mary Rose (Dan) Hogan, Springfield, IL
Daughter - Lisa M. (Joseph) Brinker, Highland, IL
Son - Scott J. (Tracy) Wellen, Highland, IL
Son - Jon N. (Teresa) Wellen, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Kenny S. (Cynthia) Heimsath
Grandchild - Amber E. (Stan) Krzystyniak
Grandchild - Anthony J. "Tony" Heimsath
Grandchild - Kyle T. Heimsath
Grandchild - Corey A. Heimsath
Grandchild - Michael J. Wellen
Grandchild - Ashely N. Wellen
Grandchild - Laura E. (Zach) Knebel
Grandchild - Joe D. Wellen
Grandchild - Danielle R. (David) Snediger
Grandchild - Allison A. "Allie" Hogan
Grandchild - Nicole C. "Nikki" Hogan
Grandchild - Hunter T. Hogan
Grandchild - Katelyn R. "Katie" Brinker
Grandchild - Rory J. Brinker
Grandchild - Grant S. Brinker
Grandchild - Kelsey L. Wellen
Grandchild - Zach S. Wellen
Grandchild - Blake A. Wellen

Grandchild - Brittani S. Wellen
Grandchild - Olivia D. (Colton) Burleson
Grandchild - Haylee Wellen
Grandchild - Vanessa Wellen
Grandchild - Nicholas Wellen
Step Grandchild - Brenten Schneck
Step Grandchild - Breana Schneck
Step Grandchild - Baylee Schneck
Step Grandchild - Eric J. Lengermann
Great Grandchild - Alexander Krzystniak
Great Grandchild - Tony Knebel
Great Grandchild - Evan Knebel
Great Grandchild - Reece Frailey
Great Grandchild - Averie Burleson
Great Grandchild - Bencen Burleson
Step Great Grandchild - Masen Schneck
Sister - Delores (Paul) Talleur, Highland, IL
Sister - Rosemary Meyer, Highland, IL
Brother In-law - Emmett (Norma) Caroll, Keysport, IL
Sister In-law - Bernice (Mrs. George) Wellen, Highland, IL
Brother In-law - Jerry Sparlin, Highland, IL
Sister In-law - Bernice (Mrs. Aloysius) Wellen, Highland, IL
Sister In-law - Dorothy Pollman, Carlyle, IL
Sister In-law - Lucille Loepker, Breese, IL
Brother In-law - Alvin Beckmann, Bartelso, IL
Sister In-law - Christine Beckmann, Germantown, IL
Brother In-law - Tony Lengermann, Highland, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - John Henry Wellen died 4/6/1966

Mother - Rose Mary Wellen nee Fehlker died 10/8/1983

Brother - George H. Wellen died 3/30/2010

Sister - Bernice Richter died 9/23/2013

Sister - Bernadette C. Sparlin died 1/12/2014

Sister - Theresa Caroll died 8/12/1975

Brother - Aloysius "Al" Wellen died 4/30/2008

Brother In-law - Virgil Richter

Brother In-law - Norman Meyer

Sister In-law - Eleanor Lengermann

Sister In-law - Rita Hemker

Brother In-law - William Beckmann

Brother In-law - Frank Beckmann

Brother In-law - Alphonse Pollman

Brother In-law - Wendell Loepker

Brother In-law - Vince Hemker

Sister In-law - Frances Beckmann

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 Sunday, July 20, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Monday, July 21, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 21, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Charles A. Edwards, Pastor, officiating.

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

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest sympathy to Larry & Mary Ann. So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayer with your family. Uncle Bill & Evelyn*



Evelyn Hildebrand Uncle Bill Holthaus - July 20, 2014 at 07:47 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John A. Wellen.*



July 20, 2014 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Financial Resources of America purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John A. Wellen.*



Financial Resources of America - July 19, 2014 at 03:07 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Wellen.*



July 18, 2014 at 06:01 PM