



Joseph G. "Butch" Geiger

February 22, 1937 - October 24, 2014

Joseph G. "Butch" Geiger, Jr., age 77 of Highland, IL, died Friday, October 24, 2014, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born February 22, 1937, in Highland, IL, the son of Joseph Felix and Ida Bernadine (nee Woltering) Geiger, Sr.

On Saturday, June 18, 1960, he married JoAnn Rosalie Geiger (nee Eilers) who passed away on October 10, 2012.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church where he had served on the Finance and Community Relations Committee; Charter Member of Highland Jaycee – past Chairman of the Board; Charter Member of Highland Moose Lodge #2479; Knights of Columbus Council #1580 in Highland, IL;

Madison County Fair Board – Past President twice; Madison County Pork Producers; Madison County Ag Council; 4H Club Leader – 30 years; Helvetia Township Trustee and current Supervisor; Coached Optimist Basketball; Coached Khoury League Baseball; 8th grade Religious Teacher at St. Paul Church over 10 years; Played fast pitch softball for many years.

Joseph grew up on the family farm, Southeast of Highland, which has been in their family since 1892 and is registered as a IL Centennial Farm. Hew was a 1955 graduate of St. Paul School. He served in the US Army. When he returned home, he raised grain and livestock. He was still active with the daily farm operation. He enjoyed watching sports, following his children and grandchildren with their sports, and liked helping others any way he could.

Survivors include :

Son - Richard A. (Nita) Geiger, St. Rose, IL

Son - David C. (Gerise) Geiger, Marine, IL

Daughter - Vicki L. (Brent) Suhre, Alhambra, IL

Son - James E. (Kim) Geiger, Bolingbrook, IL

Son - Thomas G. Geiger, Aviston, IL
Daughter - Nancy J. (Keith) Bast, Highland, IL
Daughter - Sherri K. Geiger, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Jared R. (Dana) Suhre, Hamel, IL
Grandchild - Justin J. (Leah) Suhre, Edwardsville, IL
Grandchild - Jason D. (Mindy) Suhre, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Brandon J. Evans, Bolingbrook, IL
Grandchild - Jordan T. (Significant Other Casey Keller) Suhre, Alhambra, IL
Grandchild - Kari J. Geiger, St. Rose, IL
Grandchild - Jacob J. Geiger, Bolingbrook, IL
Grandchild - Joshua E. Geiger, Bolingbrook, IL
Grandchild - Emma R. Geiger, Bolingbrook, IL
Grandchild - Blake T. Geiger, Bolingbrook, IL
Great Grandchild - Aiden R. Suhre, Hamel, IL
Sister - Alice C. (Roger) Vonland, Highland, IL
Sister - Dorothy E. Lewis, Highland, IL
Brother - Francis L. "Jake" Geiger, Edwardsville, IL
Sister In-law - Bertha R. "Bert" Geiger nee Weis, Highland, IL
Sister In-law - Delores S. "Babe" Geiger nee Federer
Brother In-law - Cletus Voegele, Mascoutah, IL
Sister In-law - Mary Koch, St. Louis, MO

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Joseph F. Geiger, Sr. [DOD 9/24/82]
Mother - Ida B. Geiger, nee Woltering [DOD 2/14/58]
Wife - JoAnn R. Geiger, nee Eilers [DOD 10/10/12]
Brother - Raymond J. Geiger [DOD 5/22/06]
Brother - Leonard A. Geiger [DOD 9/21/85]
Sister - Jeanette I. Voegele [DOD 11/15/10]
Sister - Angela "Angie" Young [DOD 8/24/10]
Brother - Othmar J. "Ott" Geiger [DOD 6/6/97]
Brother - Bernard F. Geiger [died as an infant]
Sister In-law - LaVerne G. Geiger nee Rode [DOD 10/07/04]
Sister In-law - Maxine M. Geiger nee Rickher [DOD 2/20/93]
Brother In-law - Hayden J. Young [DOD 5/18/02]
Brother In-law - Glenn B. Lewis [DOD 7/21/89]

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 Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Fr. Edward Schaefer and Fr. David Peters officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Madison County Extension Education Foundation; HACSM; Madison County Fair Association.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ I am a "Butch" Geiger too. My condolences. Just found this.

Butch Geiger - January 21, 2016 at 07:49 PM

NI

“ I am sorry to read about Joe's passing. He helped my family a lot through the HACSM pantry in Highland when we lived there and fell on some hard times. He made a true impact on our lives and I am sure many others. May you take comfort in knowing that he is at rest and with our Lord.

Nicolette - October 31, 2014 at 11:39 AM

RS

“ Butch will be so missed. Almost can't think of words to say for Bob and I were shocked and saddened to hear that he is gone. We send our love and prayers to the family.

We spent many wonderful years as neighbors and friends of the Geiger family. Butch was a warm and wonderful person who never hesitated to give a helping hand when needed. He taught us a great deal about living on a farm. It was an honor and pleasure to have known him.

Marge and Bob Sleeth

Robert Sleeth - October 30, 2014 at 01:35 PM

JR

“ My sympathy goes out to the Joe Geiger family during their time of loss. Joe was a classmate of mine and our graduation in 1955 was a happy time. I was saddened to hear that another of our group has passed on. May God bless Joe, and all his family and friends. My sister in Highland called today and said the visitation was overflowing with people and the funeral mass was a wonderful tribute to Joe and all his accomplishments. Gods grace be with you, and I will remember Joe and his family in my prayers.

Janet Rector - October 29, 2014 at 05:54 PM

PK

“ To the family of Joe Geiger, thoughts and prayers go out to you on your loss.

Pat Kraus

Pat Kraus - October 29, 2014 at 12:41 PM



“ I remember times of growing up on the farm and Butch would come everyday to take care of the cattle. He would let me help him feed the cows. I remember summers helping him and his sons and baling hay. Butch always had a way of keeping life simple and showed me what really mattered in life. My prayers to all of the family. I am proud to have known Butch.

Michael Sleeth - October 29, 2014 at 12:05 PM



“ To the entire Geiger family, our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you during your time of sorrow. Butch was a wonderful man and he will not be forgotten.

The Ray Gvillo family

Ray and Julie Gvillo - October 28, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ Please accept our most sincere condolences. Butch was a wonderful man. We were glad to be able to call him our friend. Bob & Beckie Schrumpf

B & B Schrumpf - October 28, 2014 at 01:42 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph G. "Butch" Geiger.



October 28, 2014 at 12:17 PM

DS

“ To the Geiger family, my condolences to your loss of a hard working man, father and friend. In my childhood growing up on the farm where he kept cattle and tended to them, I remember him being somewhat of a mentor to me in how diligent and hard working he was. Doug Sleeth, oldest son of Robert Sleeth, classmate of HHS with Rich Geiger. I wish I did not live so far away in Georgia to give you guys a hug, so virtual hugs come your way along with prayers to ease your grief at this time. Friends and Family are eternal. Sincerely, respectfully,
Doug Sleeth and family.



Doug Sleeth - October 28, 2014 at 11:52 AM

SC

“ My family had the pleasure to live on a farm down the road from Butch and Joannie and have so many wonderful memories spent enjoying the friendship of all the Geiger kids :-). Lots of fun summer times and in the winter the families got together and went sledding on the awesome hills. I joined the Good Producers 4-H club when I was 9 and stayed active throughout high school. Butch was my first mentor. He was was supportive, encouraging, a true teacher and someone who always led by example. I still remember my very first mtg and the first time I gave a 'talk' and 'demonstration'. He always sat in the front and he taught all of us to respect and support each other. I often share and talk with others that my life success was very much shaped through my 4-H experience and the dedication of selfless leaders like Butch, Joannie (who taught me to sew) and others like Carl and Carol Bauman. My only regret is that I should have told Butch how much his generosity and talent and contributions meant to me. Butch.....thank you from the bottom of my heart. You made an impact on me and countless others.



Susan Sleeth Conti - October 28, 2014 at 11:36 AM

DS

“ Butch, was a wonderful individual that we all looked up to. Easy to talk to and will be truly missed! Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Remember the good times, I am sure you have plenty of them.
Our sympathy, The Dennis Schumacher Family

Deb Schumacher - October 28, 2014 at 09:42 AM

DL

“ He was my mentor, I've never looked up to anyone the same way I looked up and admired Butch. He's now with Joni. Each one of the kids have the gift that Joann and Butch had, a unique and unselfish way of always wanting to help others. They stepped up immediately without hesitation and became step-parents to all my brothers and I once my parents were deceased. Priceless. Way too many memories, it was great to share them with Butch and Joni and watch them laugh to the point of tears. I will miss my friend more than anyone will know, and the many unique conversations I had with him will stay with me forever.

Dave Luber - October 27, 2014 at 03:09 PM

JB

“ Jo Ann & Eugene Brewer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph G. "Butch" Geiger.



Jo Ann & Eugene Brewer - October 27, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph G. "Butch" Geiger.



October 27, 2014 at 12:45 PM