



Joseph M. Runge, Sr.

February 19, 1938 - December 17, 2010

Joseph M. Runge, Sr., age 72 of New Douglas, IL, died Friday, December 17, 2010, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Saint Louis, MO, the son of Henry and Vernice (nee Tidwell) Runge.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1956, he married Mavis Modell Runge (nee Goodwin) who survives.

He was a member of United Paperworkers International Union, Local 1912.

Mr. Runge was born in South Saint Louis, MO; he grew up there. During the Korean War he was in the Air Force and served in France with the Air Police. After his marriage, he and his wife lived in South Saint Louis until moving to Greenville, IL in 1966; they moved to Highland in 1967 and to New Douglas in 1994. Joe worked at Alton Container (now Smurfit Stone) in Highland from 1967 until retiring in 1994. He enjoyed fishing and taking care of his lawn. He was a good bar-b-que cook and enjoyed watching western movies. He especially like watching John Wayne and Clint Eastwood movies.

Survivors include Surviving Survivors:

Wife - Mavis M. Runge, New Douglas, IL

Daughter - Evelyn A. (Michael) Brennan, Fenton, MO
Daughter - Vernice I. (Kevin) Freeman, Caldwell, ID
Daughter - Annette E. Runge, Highland, IL
Son - Joseph M. Runge, Jr., Centralia, IL
Daughter - Patricia L. (James) Brown, Highland, IL
Son - Gary A. Runge, Sr., Ina, IL
Son - David A. Runge, Highland, IL
Daughter - Christine M. Runge, New Douglas, IL
Son - Eric E. (Chere) Runge, New Douglas, IL
Sister - Sylvia A. Pierce, Greenville, IL
Grandchild - Jason Brennan
Grandchild - Charity Brennan
Grandchild - Joshua Brennan
Grandchild - Joseph Runge
Grandchild - Chrystal Runge
Grandchild - Angel Runge
Grandchild - Erica A. (Eric) Brueggeman
Grandchild - Gary Runge, Jr.
Grandchild - Hannah Runge
Grandchild - Logan Runge
Grandchild - Camden Runge
Grandchild - Christopher Runge
Grandchild - Twyla Frey
Grandchild - Tricia Brown
Grandchild - Coty Freeman
Grandchild - Sophia Runge.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Henry Mitchell Runge

Mother - Vernice Ora Runge, nee Tidwell

Sister - Norma J. Schultz

Grandchild - Mavis A. Runge [DOD 04/15/2006].

Tribute Wall



“ *I love you grandpa runge and I miss u so much love your grand daughter crystal*

Crystal Brunkhorst (runge) - January 27, 2020 at 10:35 PM



I miss you papa Joe Theresa not a day that goes by that your not in my thoughts

Theresa Runge - June 20, 2021 at 09:32 PM