



Julian E. Armbruster

April 28, 1935 - November 30, 2014

Julian E. Armbruster, age 79 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, November 30, 2014, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Sunday, April 28, 1935, in Highland, IL, the son of Charles F. and Agnes (nee Bratcher) Armbruster.

On Saturday, August 29, 1964, he married Irene G. Armbruster (nee Clarkin) who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL.

Mr. Armbruster was born in Highland and grew up in Pierron, Illinois. The oldest of five children, he attended Immaculate Conception Grade School and St. Paul High School. He helped raise his brothers and sisters after his father died when he was 11. He attended SIU-C, then enlisted in the U.S. Army, stationed in Italy with the 34th Artillery Division. He attended nine years of night school while working full time at McDonnell-Douglas. He earned an AA and BA degree and most of his Masters. He worked at Missouri Research Laboratories and returned to McDonnell-Douglas. He purchased Warnecke Sheet Metal in 1970, a major heating and cooling contractor in Highland, still active in business today as Armbruster Heating. As a youth, he loved to rebuild wrecked cars. He enjoyed attending auctions, dancing, watching his

son and grandson play music and perform with their bands, and watching classic movies. He loved to travel, visiting the Mediterranean, Italy, Spain, London, the Caribbean, and Alaska. Julian was also active in providing leadership and guidance to many young men in the Highland area.

Survivors include:

Wife - Irene G. Armbruster nee Clarkin, Highland, IL

Daughter - Mary E. (Philip) Zampogna, Highland, IL

Daughter - Michelle L. (Significant Other Bart Heinz) Kuczka, Highland, IL

Son - Edward C. (Sarah) Armbruster, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Alex P. Kuczka, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Alyssa M. Kuczka, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Samantha J. Armbruster, Highland, IL

Brother - Richard C. (Virginia Wilkening) Armbruster, Highland, IL

Sister - Marge (William) Basler, Highland, IL

Brother In-law - Ronald J. (Rose) Clarkin, Highland, IL

Nieces and Nephews - Many

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Charles F. Armbruster died 3/26/1947

Mother - Agnes Armbruster nee Bratcher died 7/6/1993

Son In-law - Paul A. Kuczka (Died 7/1/2003)

Sister - Mary Liening (Died 3/22/1974)

Sister - Agnes Ann McGuire (Died 10/18/2004)

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 Wednesday, December 03, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Thursday, December 04, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral

Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 04, 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 The Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Julian E. Armbruster*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - December 03, 2014 at 10:39 AM

RS

“ *Rozann Steinkoenig lit a candle in memory of Julian E. Armbruster*



Rozann Steinkoenig - December 04, 2014 at 09:09 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julian E. Armbruster.*



December 03, 2014 at 05:25 PM

KD

“ Karen DeWoskin lit a candle in memory of Julian E. Armbruster



Karen DeWoskin - December 03, 2014 at 12:22 PM



“ Anne Parkinson lit a candle in memory of Julian E. Armbruster



Anne Parkinson - December 02, 2014 at 11:57 AM



Dear Mrs. Armbruster and family: you and Julian and your family are in our prayers. You always light up our days when we see you and your family with your grace and light spirits. I am praying that God will pour Grace down on all of you during this time and let you know how truly loved you and your family are by all of us in your extended Highland community. Julian is missed and never forgotten.

Anne Parkinson - December 02, 2014 at 12:01 PM



Cathy Youngblood

Margie and Ritchie, I am thinking of you. It never gets easier no matter how many times you lose a family member. I have a few good memories of him and I have the Immaculate Conception 8th grade picture. If you want a copy you can look up my address on people search.

Cathy Danley Youngblood Ward, Arkansas

Cathy Youngblood - December 03, 2014 at 10:36 AM

TF

“ *The Kuczka Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Julian E. Armbruster.*



The Kuczka Family - December 02, 2014 at 10:22 AM

BK

“ *Irene and Family, I was so sorry to hear this news. It was so wonderful seeing him in August and having a chance to chat with him. He was always so friendly and such an uplifting and wonderful person. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.*

Becky Kimberlin - December 02, 2014 at 09:19 AM

BG

“ *Sorry to hear this. Thinking of you Mrs. Armbruster. Mr. Armbruster personally came to service our air conditioner last summer, when he arrived my 3 kids and I were outside. He greeted us ever so cheerful and took the time to let my kids ask questions and watch as he worked with a smile on his face. Such a sweet man. Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Brandy (Quade) Gaddis and family*

brandy gaddis - December 01, 2014 at 10:47 PM

TG

“ *Todd Graef purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Julian E. Armbruster.*



Todd Graef - December 01, 2014 at 10:09 PM

CJ

“ *Carmen Johnson lit a candle in memory of Julian E. Armbruster*



carmen johnson - December 01, 2014 at 08:58 PM

KW

“ *Irene, please know you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Though it has been years ago, we shared some memories of our boys heading to SIU, some good and some not so good, but we shared them. Julian would say "boys will be boys". He was a wonderful person, with a great sense of humor and charm and will be missed by many. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers, Dean and Kitty Williams, Pinckneyville, Ill.*

Kitty Williams - December 01, 2014 at 07:02 PM