



Kenneth E. Ernst

October 7, 1938 - October 12, 2015

Kenneth E. Ernst, age 77 of Highland, IL, died Monday, October 12, 2015, at Alhambra Care Center in Alhambra, IL.

He was born on Friday, October 7, 1938, in Highland, IL, the son of Lawrence and Velma (nee Kruse) Ernst.

On Friday, August 8, 1958, he married Judith A. Ernst (nee Strebel) who passed away on November 18, 2008.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ; 4-H Leader; Polled Hereford Association; DHIA (Dairy Herd Improvement Association); Outstanding Young Farmer Award.

Kenneth was born and grew up in Highland. He graduated from Highland High School in 1956. He served with United States Air Force. He farmed until 1984. He and his wife operated the House of Plenty for 27 years. He was a "Jack of all trades" and had many jobs. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and antique tractors.

Survivors include:

Son - Todd A. (Sheri) Ernst, Highland, IL

Daughter - Michele "Shelly" L. (Joe) Dale, Villa Ridge, MO

Son - Greg "Ernie" S. (Chris) Ernst, Pocahontas, IL
Son - Chad J. (Richelle) Ernst, Alhambra, IL
Son - Tory J. (Carmen) Ernst, Alhambra, IL
Daughter - Cara M. (Matthew) Gelly, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Jared T. (fiancee Megan) Ernst
Grandchild - Andrew S. (Laura) Ernst
Grandchild - Katie J. (Carl) Richter
Grandchild - Kyle S. (Heather) Ernst
Grandchild - Meggie A. Ernst
Grandchild - Aubrey E. (Travis) Zobrist
Grandchild - Mathew C. Dale
Grandchild - Chelsey R. (Lee) Short
Grandchild - Courtney R. Ernst
Grandchild - Camie B. Ernst
Grandchild - Taylor A. Ernst
Grandchild - Blake R. Ernst
Grandchild - Kenzie M. Gelly
Grandchild - Lexa A. Gelly
Grandchild - Karigan J.P. Gelly
Great Grandchild - Hailey J. Richter
Great Grandchild - Haydyn Ernst
Great Grandchild - Tristyn Ernst
Great Grandchild - Koralyn Ernst
Great Grandchild - Madelyn Ernst
Great Grandchild - Josephine Ernst
Great Grandchild - Addison Short
Great Grandchild - Liam Short
Brother - Larry D. (Vicki L.) Ernst, Breese, IL
Sister - Ruth Ann Ernst, Dallas, TX

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Lawrence W. Ernst (Died 12/19/99)

Mother - Velma D. Ernst (Died 11/29/2006)

Wife - Judith A. Ernst (Died 11/18/2008)

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

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, October 19, 2015, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL.

Memorial service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 19, 2015, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL., with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, pastor, Highland, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association; Heartland Hospice; Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary E. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth E. Ernst.*



Mary E. - October 17, 2015 at 11:19 AM

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“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathy for your loss. We loved your parents for all they have done for the church and community. They were both such hard working people even after leaving the farm. Always had a smile and kind words for everyone they met. They have raised a great family and instilled such good values in each of you. We especially loved going to the restaurant and eating the tremendous food and pies. They will truly be missed by all. God Bless and I know they will still be watching down on each of you kids and grandkids.*

Pam & Aimee Lecerf - October 14, 2015 at 06:30 PM

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“ *HANSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Ernst*



HANSON FAMILY - October 13, 2015 at 05:39 PM