



Norman L. Monken

November 23, 1931 - September 19, 2007

Norman Lawrence Monken, age 75, of Highland, IL., died Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born November 23, 1931, in Highland, IL., the son of Lawrence and Ellen (Rieger) Monken.

On September 19, 1959, he married Amanda M. "Mandy" Monken, nee Wessel, who passed away June 23, 2004.

Born at St. Morgan, IL; grew up there and attended Liberty Country School. He graduated from Highland High School in 1949 and served with the US Army during the Korean War. He worked at Alton Box Company from the mid-50's to the late 60's; then at Dow Jones until his retirement in the early 1990's.

He purchased a 1955 Chevy Hardtop on July 6, 1955 and restored it in 1979. He took it to car shows for many years.

Mr. Monken enjoyed bowling in leagues at Highland Hi-Top in mixed league. He played in a Wednesday night Horseshoe League. He also enjoyed playing his Mandolin, playing with Country Ramblers for a number of years. He raised purple martins and had a large garden.

He was also a member of Classic Chevy Club; American Federation of Musicians #175 and Woodmen of the World, Highland Lodge #105.

Survivors include Son-Ken A. (Jennifer L.) Monken of Trenton, Ill., Sister-Opal Manwaring of Highland, Ill., Sister-Joyce Giger of Highland, Ill., Brother-Clyde (Jean) Monken of Summerfield, Ill.

He was preceded in death by Father-Lawrence J. Monken, Mother-Ellen Monken, nee Rieger, Wife-Amanda M. \"Mandy\" Monken, nee Wessel (DOD 6/23/04), Brother-Melvin Monken (DOD 11/10/34 @ age 15), Sister-Ethel Monken (DOD 4/1/18 at birth)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.