



Paul T. Potthast

March 31, 1943 - October 12, 2015

Paul T. Potthast, age 72 of Highland, IL, died Monday, October 12, 2015, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, March 31, 1943, in Highland, IL, the son of Raymond and Emma (nee Lunitz) Potthast.

On Saturday, November 7, 1964, he married Karen S. Potthast, nee Hug who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL and the American Legion Lee Iten Post #439 of Highland, IL.

Mr. Potthast was born in Highland and grew up in Grantfork, IL. He graduated from St. Paul High School in 1961. He enlisted into the US Air Force from 1961 to 1965 and was awarded the Courteous Air Policeman Award in 1964. He then worked for Neubauer Meat Market till 1977 as a meat cutter. In 1977, he started Potthast Cabinet Shop, specializing in artistic furniture and custom cabinetry. He owned and operated the shop until 2013 and retired because of health issues. He enjoyed watching sports and car racing, playing cards, and loved training his pet dogs.

Survivors include:

Wife - Karen S. Potthast, Highland, IL
Son - Michael P. (Michelle M. Petroff) Potthast, Caseyville, IL
Grandchild - Liljana E. Petroff, Caseyville, IL
Grandchild - Roman E. Petroff, Caseyville, IL
Brother - Edward Potthast, Springhill, FL
Sister - Martha Talleur, Highland, IL
Brother - Henry (Jackie) Potthast, Highland, IL
Brother - Ray (Gladys) Potthast, Edwardsville, IL
Sister - Mary Gnaedinger, Highland, IL
Sister - Theresa Richter, Aviston, IL
Sister - Monica Rehkemper, Highland, IL
Brother In-law - Edward Moenster, Highland, IL
Special Cousin - Jeanne Goestenkors, Los Angeles, CA
Special Cousin - Karen Ward, Aiken, SC.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Raymond W. Potthast
Mother - Emma A. Potthast
Sister - Jeanette M. "Jen" Moenster
Brother - Jerome Potthast
Sister In-law - Jeanne Potthast
Sister In-law - Jean Potthast
Brother In-law - Richard Talleur
Brother In-law - Vincent Gnaedinger
Brother In-law - Jerome Richter
Brother In-law - David Rehkemper
Brother In-law - Rev. Calvin Bremer
Sister In-law - Phyllis H. Bremer
Godfather - Vincent Goestenkors
Godmother - Eleanor Goestenkors
Mother In-law - Edna Hug-Riepshoff

Father In-law - Milton W. Hug.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Friday, October 16, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 16, 2015, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Rev. Fr. Paul Kala, Pastor, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Greenville, IL, celebrant; Rev. Fr. David L. Peters, Retired Pastor, concelebrant.

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Educational Foundation, Friends of St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, Heartland Hospice, or a Charity of Donor's Choice.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Michael,*

I am truly sorry for your loss. I have lost my father, three brothers and a sister. All in the last 12 years. You never get over it, but in time you learn how to deal with it...

Larry Holloway

Larry Holloway - October 14, 2015 at 04:27 PM

TP

“ *Thomas P. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Paul T. Potthast.*



Thomas P. - October 14, 2015 at 03:41 PM

RD

“ *Rob, Mike & Dan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul T. Potthast.*



Rob, Mike & Dan - October 14, 2015 at 10:48 AM

GG

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. Glenn and Angie Ginalick*

Glenn and Angie Ginalick - October 14, 2015 at 08:47 AM

DL

Van 3 drivers sends deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of Mike Potthast.

Don layton - October 15, 2015 at 08:38 AM

DH

“ *Delray And Connie Hug lit a candle in memory of Paul T. Potthast*



Delray and Connie Hug - October 14, 2015 at 04:54 AM

BG

“ *The things I remember the most is how he always had time to show you how to do things and do them the right way and always had a jig for everything , he always had time to talk he was a great teacher I will never forget working with him especially at the Donnelson house thanks for all the handmade treasures you will live on for many generations*



brian gmaedinger - October 13, 2015 at 08:05 PM