



Ralph E. Bellm

September 7, 1923 - December 31, 2013

Ralph E. Bellm, age 90 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, December 31, 2013, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Friday, September 07, 1923, in Highland, IL, the son of Eugene C. and Irene S. (nee Knebel) Bellm.

On Saturday, November 22, 1947, he married Dorothy A. Bellm (nee Grimmer) who passed away on Thursday, November 02, 2006.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, and the Knights of Columbus, Council 1580-Highland, IL.

Born at Highland, IL; reared on a farm near Pierron, IL and attended Pierron Catholic School. He managed Churchill Trucking Company, St. Louis, MO, for most of his life and retired in the mid 1980's. He enjoyed farming; raised and showed Belgium horses at parades and harvest festivals. Very active with 4-H, especially the Satellite Horse Drill Team. He and his wife enjoyed travelling, travelled to all 50 states and Central Europe. He traded and collected Farmall tractors, including his father's early 1940's Farmall tractor. He was a great family man; was a "DO'ER" who got things done. He enjoyed a close relationship with many family and friends.

Survivors include:

Son - William J. (Eveline) Bellm, San Lorenzo, CA
Daughter - Mary Jane (Fred) Waxler, Novato, CA
Grandchild - Shannon M. (Paul) Pattillo, Citrus Heights, CA
Great Grandchild - Nicholas M. Pattillo, Citrus Heights, CA
Great Grandchild - Mason A. Pattillo, Citrus Heights, CA
Brother - Roland W. "Rollie" (Lydia) Bellm, Highland, IL
Brother - James W. G. Bellm, St. Louis, MO
Brother - Eugene "Gene" (Vilma) Bellm, Seattle, WA
Sister - Doris Jones, Saint Petersburg, FL
Sister - Mary Ann (Russell) Koch, Highland, IL
Numerous - Nieces, Nephews and Cousins

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Eugene C. Bellm (died 12/17/1957)
Mother - Irene S. Bellm (died 6/27/1996)
Wife - Dorothy A. Bellm (died 11/02/2006)

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 Thursday, January 02, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Friday, January 03, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 03, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Father Scott A. Snider, Parochial Vicar, St. Paul Catholic Church, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church; St. Vincent De Paul Society; Meals On Wheels; or HACSM (Highland Food Pantry).

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Mary Jane & Bill,
So sorry to learn of your loss. Your dad was a fine example to all.
May he continue to bless you both as he reunites with your mom.
Cherish your family.
Sincerely,
Karen (Durbin) Campbell*

Karen Campbell - January 07, 2014 at 12:25 PM

MW

“ *Dad
You will be missed every day. Every day.
Thank you for such a wonderful life.
You were the one who organized the family and family fun.
You upheld family traditions and taught us how to do the same.
You loved travel and showed us how to go out to see the world.
You ALWAYS made us laugh and taught us how to have fun.
You really did care about your whole family and we all felt your love.
You worked hard and took care of a lot of people.
You loved mom so much. You loved us.
I am always proud to be your daughter.
Mary Jane*

Mary Jane Bellm Waxler - January 06, 2014 at 10:40 AM

MD

“ *Bill and Mary Jane- Sorry for the loss of your father. I can
appreciate the fact of losing both parents. You are always a "child".
Your dad faithfully attended church. Take care.
Mary Kay (Daniel) and Michael Durbin*

Mary Kay Durbin - January 05, 2014 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Bellm.



January 02, 2014 at 09:37 PM



“ *The Sommercorn Family - Chuck, Linda, Mike and Jenna* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ralph E. Bellm.



The Sommercorn Family - Chuck, Linda, Mike and Jenna -
January 02, 2014 at 09:32 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Bellm.



January 02, 2014 at 07:09 PM



“ *Inspection Services, Inc.* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Ralph E. Bellm.



Inspection Services, Inc. - January 02, 2014 at 12:40 PM

SP

“ Suzan Pinkham purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Ralph E. Bellm.



Suzan Pinkham - January 02, 2014 at 10:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Bellm.



January 02, 2014 at 08:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Bellm.



January 01, 2014 at 08:10 PM