



Virgil J. Wilhelm

December 23, 1929 - March 7, 2022

Virgil J. Wilhelm, age 92 of Highland, IL, died Monday, March 07, 2022, at Cedarhurst of Highland in Highland, IL.

He was born on Monday, December 23, 1929, in Highland, IL, the son of Alfred and Josephine (nee Voegele) Wilhelm.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1950, he married Adeline G. Wilhelm (nee Frey) at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, who passed away on Saturday, December 26, 1998.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church; and the Knights of Columbus, Council 1580-Highland, IL; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly #0231-Highland, IL.

Virgil was born at St. Morgan, IL (5 miles south of Highland) on the family farm. He attended country school at the school house north of St. Morgan. He then went to St. Paul High School. In his youth his family spoke German, and he developed that ability also. After his schooling, he became a farmer with his father. His children tell stories about his taking them to work in the bean fields, rounding up the pigs and raising a large garden. During his life, Virgil was a master of many things: he played the accordion with a band; he drove a school bus to events. He played euchre and pinochle, even on line in his later

years. Virgil was a good story teller; he always had a pen and paper to illustrate his directions and stories. Independent and strong-willed, Virgil stopped smoking after 50 years of the habit. He always maintained contact with the Mascoutah side of the Wilhelms. He enjoyed frying chicken for the Kirchenfest; he had a way of enjoying the moment he was in. He never met a person he didn't like, and his loud voice could be heard whenever he spoke.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Kathleen M. (R. Leland) Grant, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Kenneth A. (Susan) Wilhelm, Bend, OR

Daughter - Connie J. (John) Tauser, Calverton Park, MO

Daughter - Carol Sue "Suzi" (Kelly) Kimmitt, Oceanside, CA

Daughter - Nancy J. (Mark) Gilbert, Ballard, WA

Daughter - Trina M. (James) Zurfluh, Tacoma, WA

Son In-Law - Ronald J. Thole, Highland, IL

Grandchildren - 22

Great Grandchildren - 23.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Alfred H. Wilhelm - Died 7/17/1967

Mother - Josephine Wilhelm (nee Voegele) - Died 5/3/1973

Wife - Adeline Grace Wilhelm (nee Frey) - Died 12/26/1998

Daughter - Gayle A. Thole - Died 4/11/2016

Special Friend - Gloria M. Loebel - Died 6/30/2010.

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

Visitation will be held from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice or Saint Paul Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ My friend Betty Mersinger introduced Virgil to me three years ago. I had always wondered whose farm was behind my home. The day I met Virgil I showed him a picture of his farm that my daughter had taken with her phone one February morning when she looked up the hill. Virgil was very happy when he saw the picture so my daughter and I had a canvas copy of the picture made for him. He had John hang it for him right away. When I had difficulty with my WiFi Virgil was so very kind to help me get my WiFi thru his new router. I'm so glad I got to meet Virgil. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend.

Carol Nordquist

Carol Nordquist - April 01, 2022 at 01:08 PM

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“ I will miss Virgil and his cute stubborn ways of how he liked his oatmeal bowl only half full the right smoothness with two butters and two containers of brown sugars. He loved looking out his window at a very large black cat that roamed the field and was very exact of how he liked his computer desk, work won't be the same without him. hugs and prayers for the family.

MARY Landry - March 12, 2022 at 10:36 AM

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“ I have so many great memories of my grandpa like sharing pecans from his tree and playing euchre where online he became Spatz the euchre God. He flew to Rome for my high school graduation despite having a fear of heights, and is the only person I know who came to Italy and ordered beer instead of wine from a 3 star restaurant. He supported me through all my life and I got to be his personal IT person. I will miss sitting at the table and listening to his stories.



Meagan Kellner - March 11, 2022 at 05:27 PM

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“ Tamora Kimmitt purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Virgil J. Wilhelm.



Tamora Kimmitt - March 11, 2022 at 10:07 AM

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“ The Horsleys purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Virgil J. Wilhelm.



The Horsleys - March 10, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ [https://www.spengel-boulangier.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="_blank">Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Virgil J. Wilhelm.](https://www.spengel-boulangier.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

March 10, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virgil J. Wilhelm.*



March 10, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *I'd like to extend my condolences to the family of Virgil Wilhelm. Whenever I would visit from out of town and attend a Mass that he was an usher for, he always greeted me and remembered that I was one of the Isert girls. His friendliness was so warm. May he rest in peace. Sincerely,
Carolyn (Isert) Firestone*

Carolyn Firestone - March 10, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *My family lived behind his farm. Our backyard bumped up against his field. When Virgil was working his field and would be going past our house my dad would hold up a can of beer and Virgil would stop and come up to the back deck and have a beer with my dad. As a young child, I wanted to use the corner of his field for a horse. Alas, I never was able to do so. Virgil was a wonderful kind man. My Condolences to his family. God Bless you, Virgil. Rest in Pease.*

Tammy Diesen - March 10, 2022 at 12:33 AM



“ He will be dearly missed 💔 😞. I will always remember him, he was a great neighbor to my mom Betty Kidd and I enjoyed cleaning for him and Adeline.

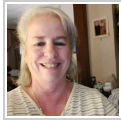


Judith Wiesemeyer - March 08, 2022 at 11:49 PM



“ My deepest condolences. Your father was always so happy to greet me or visit with me whenever I would encounter him. He embodied a solid work ethic and faithful, family man. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. Vivian Helm

Vivian Helm - March 08, 2022 at 06:38 PM



He was a great euchre player, was a pleasure to get to have him as a partner from time to time. Prayers are with his family and you will be missed in euchre R.I.P

Louise Shipley - March 23, 2022 at 07:42 PM