



Waldo J. Merkle

September 5, 1941 - January 1, 2012

Waldo J. "Bud" Merkle, age 70 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, January 01, 2012, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Friday, September 05, 1941, in Highland, IL, the son of Walter H. and Verna T. (nee Keilbach) Merkle.

On Thursday, December 19, 1963, he married Judith K. Merkle (nee Prange) who survives.

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church; NRA; Highland Pistol & Rifle Club.

Born at Highland, IL; graduated from Highland High School in 1960. Active duty with the US Army for six months. Worked for Alton Packaging/Jefferson Smurfit, Highland, IL, retiring in 1995. Loved to hunt in Canada (2 bear); Montana (elk); Texas (boar); Wyoming (antelope); and deer. Loved camping as a young man. He and his wife enjoyed cruises: Alaska, New Zealand, Panama Canal, Australia and the Caribbean. Also enjoyed fish fries and barbeques with family and friends; auctions; making wine; and being out in his woods and pond in Ramsey, IL

Survivors include:

Wife - Judith K. Merkle, nee Prange, Highland, IL
Daughter - Diane R. (Ronnie) Gilomen, Highland, IL
Daughter - Monica L. (Daniel) Hurford, Glen Carbon, IL
Son - John W. (Stephanie) Merkle, Bloomington, IL
Daughter - Kimberly S. (Michael) Marchal, Highland, IL
Daughter - Dr. Stephanie L. (Chris) Bosslet, MD, Maryville, IL
Grandchild - Joshua D. Hurford, Glen Carbon, IL
Grandchild - Megan L. Hurford, New York, NY
Grandchild - Briana M. Gilomen, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Brett G. Gilomen, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Garrett J. Merkle, Bloomington, IL
Grandchild - Claire S. Marchal, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Clay W. Merkle, Bloomington, IL
Grandchild - Jackson N. Marchal, Highland, IL
Sister - Viola "Tootie" (Roy) Reding, Highland, IL
Sister - Mary (James) Manville, Highland, IL
Sister - Peggy (John) Oravec, Highland, IL
Sister - Evelyn Rommerskirchen, Pocahontas, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Walter H. Merkle (died 05/12/1959)
Mother - Verna T. Merkle (nee Keilbach) (died 10/19/2000)
Sister - Ann E. Von Hatten (died 04/27/1990)
Sister - Florence "Flossie" Lebeque(died 05/11/2006).

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Waldo J. Merkle*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM