



Wayne H. Ellis

August 3, 1941 - August 22, 2022

Wayne H. Ellis, age 81 of Highland, IL, died Monday, August 22, 2022, at his home, Highland, IL.

He was born on Sunday, August 3, 1941, in Highland, IL, the son of Richard and Francis (nee Kanaske) Ellis.

On Sunday, September 9, 1962, he married Mary L. Ellis nee Riggs at St. Jacob, Illinois, St. Jacob E & R Church, who survives.

He was also a member of Teamsters Local 600 - St. Louis.

Wayne was born in Highland and grew up on the family farm south of St. Jacob. After he graduated from St. Jacob High School, he worked for his father-in-law, delivering milk for Quality Dairy. Later, Wayne worked for the Highland Western Auto Store, Granite City Steel, Central Cartage and A&R Freight Shipping. Wayne also owned a Schwinn Bicycle Shop in Highland, as well as a Yamaha dealership in Greenville, all the while farming. He farmed crops and raised beef cattle and sheep as a hobby. He loved mushroom hunting and bowled for many years.

Survivors include:

Wife - Mary L. Ellis, nee Riggs, Highland, IL

Daughter - Melissa L. Marti, Greenville, IL

Daughter - Brande L. (Lee) Yaist, Indianapolis, IN

Son - Randy W. (Carla) Ellis, Edwardsville, IL

Daughter - Robin L. Ellis, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Chelsea D. (Jon) Reeves, Greenville, IL

Grandchild - Katlyn M. (Lance) Obermark, Pocahontas, IL

Grandchild - Erica L. Ellis, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Emily C. (Nick Lange) Ellis, Fenton, MO

Grandchild - Madelyn G. Ellis, Highland, IL

Step Grandchild - Evan J. Yaist, Akron, OH
Step Grandchild - Rachel R. Galbraith, Saint Louis, MO
Step Grandchild - Riley J. Galbraith, Edwardsville, IL
Great Grandchild - Mackinze D. Reeves, Greenville, IL
Great Grandchild - Miles D. Reeves, Greenville, IL
Great Grandchild - Case H. Obermark, Pocahontas, IL
Sister - Betty Johnson, Edwardsville, IL
Nieces and Nephews - Several.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Richard E. Ellis - Died 4-17-1993
Mother - Francis Josephine Ellis, nee Kanaske - Died 9/19/2001
Son-In-Law - David B. Marti - Died 9/01/2013
Brother - Richard "Dick" Ellis
Sister-In-Law - Pamela Ellis
Brother-In-Law - Charles Johnson.

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, August 25, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Friday, August 26, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 26, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. with Rev. Philip J. Barbier, Pastor, St. Jacob United Church of Christ, St. Jacob, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Keystone Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Keystone Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
The Germann's: Sue, Jon, Sherry and families

Sherry Sutton - August 26, 2022 at 10:36 AM

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“ We are very sad to learn of Wayne's passing. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.
Cousin Jami (Kanaske) and Dave Skaja

Jami Skaja - August 25, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Jay Boulanger - August 25, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne H. Ellis.



August 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM