



Wilbert Raymond Wheeler

August 13, 1933 - November 15, 2020

Wilbert Raymond Wheeler, age 87 of Highland, IL, finished his mission on this earth Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra, IL.

He was born on Sunday, August 13, 1933, in Mason, IL, the son of Jonathon and Alma (nee Verdeyen) Wheeler.

On November 09, 1952, he married Shirley Jean Smith at Dieterich, IL. She survives in Highland, IL.

He was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Wilbert grew up in Effingham, and married Shirley Jean Smith on November 9, 1952. He proudly served 20 years in the Air Force and retired in Highland, Illinois. He then worked for Datalog Electronics for another 15 years. He and his wife were missionaries in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served four missions at Martin's Cove in Alcova, WY. He and his wife were also workers in the St. Louis Missouri Temple for 19 years. Wilbert was a skilled carpenter, beekeeper and loved his family dearly. He hosted yearly family reunions at Lake of the Ozarks. He taught his children many life skills, such as camping, mushroom hunting, car and home repair. He always needs help holding the flashlight and used this opportunity to spend one on one time with each of his seven children. He was always there to help his children if

they needed him and he will be sorely missed.

Survivors include :

Wife - Shirley J. Wheeler, nee Smith, Highland, IL

Daughter - Sandra (Douglas) Neidholdt, Grain Valley, MO

Daughter - Twilla (Douglas) Sleeth, Bonaire, GA

Son - Steven (Tina) Wheeler, Highland, IL

Son - Rodney (Jeanna) Wheeler, Troy, IL

Son - Bradley (Kerry) Wheeler, Highland, IL

Daughter - Deborah Alma Wheeler, Highland, IL

Grandchildren - 17

Great Grandchildren - 18

Sister - Janet Murphy, Houston, TX

Sister - Dixie (Kenny) Harms, Neoga, IL

Sister - Laura (Gerald) Knierim, Effingham, IL

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Jonathon Wheeler

Mother - Alma Wheeler, nee Verdeyen

Daughter - Susan M. Newton

Sister - Norma Wheeler

Grandson - Joshua Neidholdt

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

Graveside Services will be held at Oakridge Cemetery in Effingham, IL, on November 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Quoting Nae Lockman, "Today a family lost a patriarch. That word, patriarch, has such a meaning and my grandfather personally strived to fill that roll. He served God, his family and his country. He left behind a legacy in family. I recognize that how much I know about my family history and who I am has to do with so many years of small moments when he took the time to teach me. Thank you for family reunions, slide shows, bumper cars, water skiing, water parks, water fights, practical jokes and so many more memories...every bicycle I ever owned as a child. I can't begin to list what you have left behind."

deborah wheeler - February 04 at 02:24 PM

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“ Gloria Brown lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Raymond Wheeler



Gloria Brown - November 18, 2020 at 07:38 AM

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Gloria Brown - November 18, 2020 at 07:37 AM

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“ Shirley and family:

I will always remember Ray as a friendly guy; always very pleasant and could talk about many subjects.

Raty liked to tell me about his mission trips; well Shirley shared also. Ray/Shirley spent many hours and dollars to do the mission trips and some of them were very hard on them in the later years.

Ray was a devoted husband, and father and suffered losses in his family but his 'smile' was always there.

I pray that God will give you PEACE during this difficult time and rest in the fact that Ray has a new body and is reunited with family who have past and will be waiting at the heavenly gates for all of you.

*With love and friendship
Gloria Brown*

Gloria Brown - November 18, 2020 at 07:32 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Twilla Sleeth - November 17, 2020 at 03:13 PM

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“ *Sympathy & prayers to his family.
God Bless each of you & grant you peace.*

Bob & Beckie Schrumpf - November 17, 2020 at 03:03 PM