



Irvin A. Wildhagen

July 13, 1925 - December 4, 2019

Dateline: Brighton, IL

Irvin A. Wildhagen, age 94, died at 1:28 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at his home in Brighton, IL. He was born July 13, 1925 on Panther Creek near Pearl, IL. The son of the late Arthur and Linnie Wildhagen. Irvin served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was retired from Illinois Power in Alton. Irvin was always a hard worker and operated a finish grading business while working shift work at Illinois Power.

He eloped with his future wife Lois (Crater) and married her June 29, 1946. Lois preceded him in death. Surviving are two sons, David Wildhagen (Laurie) of Napa, CA and Dennis Wildhagen (Michelle) of Goreville, IL, one sister, Letha Stewart of Woodson, IL., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Nina Cloninger, and three brothers, Nolan Wildhagen, Merle Wildhagen, and Marvin Wildhagen.

Irv loved collecting and restoring John Deere tractors and amassed several trophies. He routinely drove and showed his beauties at parades and shows throughout the area. Several acquaintances knew him as Mr. John Deere.

Visitation will be 4:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 with Reverend Steve Rice officiating. Burial will be in Bethany Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be given to The Make-A-Wish Foundation. Additional information and online guestbook may

be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Bethany Cemetery

Humbert Road
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Irvin A. Wildhagen*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Irvin A. Wildhagen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Rachel, our thoughts are with you.*

Brad and Linda Wheaton

Brad and Linda Wheaton - December 09, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ *Dear Dave and Dennis, We are so sorry to hear of Irvin's passing. What an amazing and kind man. So many great memories from when your family lived on 22nd Street. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know him. May God bless you and keep you strong during this sorrowful time.*

The Fred Hentrich family.

Mary Ann Hentrich - December 07, 2019 at 02:15 PM