



John Walter Wittman

August 8, 1928 - February 4, 2022

John W. Wittman was born in 1928 to John S. and Marie A. (Myers) Wittman, one of six children and the oldest son. He grew up on a farm in the hard days of horse drawn farm equipment and saw the innovations tractors brought to farming. He married Joan Beck in 1954. They have four daughters: Joan (Robert, Jr.) Clark, Patricia (Roger) Dettenmeier, Marcia (Frank) Klunk, and Theresa (Andrew, II) Gratton. There are 10 grandchildren (Robert, III and Katherine Clark; David, Nicholas, Matthew and Adam Dettenmeier; Frank and Jonathan Klunk; and, Sarah and Lucas Gratton). There are three great-grandchildren (Dominic, Oliver and Dexter Dettenmeier). Along with his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Wittman, and three sisters, Sr. Wilma Wittman, OSU, Rose Schwaegel, and Virginia Ervin.

John attended Ranken Technical School in Radio Electronics and graduated in 1947. He worked for Buettel Construction, Laclede Steel, and then at Illinois Power for 38 years in electrical maintenance. He provided sound equipment for boat races, ski shows, rodeos, horse shows, parades, local fairs and garden parties. John and Joan started the only television rental business serving Alton area hospitals for many years.

John bought the original homestead in 1964 which became a centennial farm in 1973. He raised cattle and hogs along with crops. He was known for being able to fix anything and was quite creative in making tools or instruments he needed to do the job. He was active in antique clubs, especially farm

equipment, and loved making homemade lemonade for fairs.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 9:30 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. am followed immediately by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, Illinois. Masks are required. Mass will be live-streamed on the St. Mary's Catholic Church and School Facebook page. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton, Illinois. Memorials may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online Guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

525 East 4th Street
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Funeral Mass

FEB 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Walter Wittman*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John Walter Wittman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *SSM Health Infection Prevention Team purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John Walter Wittman.*



SSM Health Infection Prevention Team - February 07, 2022 at 11:42 PM



“ *The SLU Care Sleep Disorders Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Walter Wittman.*



The SLU Care Sleep Disorders Family - February 07, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Walter Wittman.*



February 05, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about John's passing. Larry and I loved being with John on his farm and the Ski Club. The ski club loved all the hayrides and bonfires he put on for us with Joan. We always had fun. We all enjoyed John (our sound man) for all of our ski shows. Sorry Larry and I can't be there for the wake and funeral because we in Florida for awhile. We will keep John and the family in our prayers. May God Bless you.*

Larry and Judy Thompson - February 04, 2022 at 08:39 PM



Prayers to the entire Wittman Family — 🙏

Karen Crites - February 05, 2022 at 09:36 AM



We want to express our sorrow to all of the family. Uncle Jack was certainly one of a kind and I know that he will be missed by all of you. I can honestly say he always had a warm hug and sweet smile every time I saw him. I know he missed Aunt Joan terribly and know that they had a wonderful reunion. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Craig and Jo Ann

Jo Ann Schwaegel Pickett - February 07, 2022 at 02:21 PM

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Marcia and family we are so sorry for the loss of your father. I always loved hearing Marcia talk about the farm and her family. Sending prayers.

Fred and Amy Schaumburg

Amy Schaumburg - February 07, 2022 at 05:16 PM