



Robert L. Wittman

February 10, 1930 - March 5, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey

Robert L. Wittman, 90, died at 7:35 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020 at his home. Born February 10, 1930 on Ingham Lane in Jersey County, he was the son of John S. and Marie (Myers) Wittman. Mr. Wittman was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. He was a life long farmer and retired from the Alton Box Board in 1980 after 32 years of service. On November 4, 1949 he married Alice Oulson. She survives. Also surviving are seven children, Jane Cornelius (Steve) of Fairview, TN, Nancy Heafner (Jim) of Godfrey, Barbara Knecht (Gary) of Edwardsville, Robert Randall Wittman (Lisa) of Jerseyville, Ron Wittman (Kim) of Jerseyville, Roger Wittman (Betty) of Godfrey, Rusty Wittman (Kelli) of Dow, 18 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, John W. Wittman of Godfrey and Richard Wittman (Carol) of Ocala, FL. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Sister Wilma Wittman, Rosali Schwegel, and Virginia Ervin. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Community Outreach. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 W. Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 10. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 West Homer Adams Pkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. Wittman*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Robert L. Wittman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

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“ THE 4020 EFFECT. I MEET BOB IN 1993. WIFE & I & 2 SONS HAD JUST MOVED TO A FARM DOWN HE ROAD. BOB WALKED UP IN HIS BIBBS & SAID MY NAMES BOB WITTMAN & IVE BEEN HUNTIN MUSHROOMS HERE FOR 35 YEARS , U MUST BE THE NEW OWNERS, I SAID YES WE ARE & IF YOU KNOW WHERE THERE AT U CAN GO FIND SOME MORE .WITH ONE EYE CLOSED HE KINDA SMILED & I KNEW WE WERE OFF TO A GOOD START. HE LOOKED AROUND & SAW THE PLACE WE WERE CLEANING UP & SAID WHERES YOUR TRACTOR & BRUSH HOG? I SAID I DON'T HAVE ONE BUT YOUR RIGHT I NEED EM BOTH REAL BAD. HE TURNED TO WALK AWAY THEN STOPPED & SAID SINCE WERE GOING TO BE NEIGHBORS THERE'S A FEW THINGS U NEVER BORROW FROM ANOTHER MAN. 1ST THINGS A TRACTOR, 2ND THINGS A CHAIN SAW & 3RD THINGS A MANS WIFE! HE THEN LOOKED MY WIFE BARB UP & DOWN & SAID COME TO THINK OF IT ONE GUY CAN'T HURT ER & TWO GUYS CAN'T GET ON HER SO THERES ONLY 2 THINGS U DON'T BORROW FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR, A TRACTOR & A CHAINSAW! I WAS GLAD HE SET ME STRAIGHT THAT DAY BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE ASKED TO BORROW 2 OUT OF 3 FOR SURE! THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE GOT ALONG GREAT, WHEN THIS "WANTABEE" FARMER NEEDED KNOWLEDGE BOB WAS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP. I WOULD NEVER TO BE ABLE TO REPAY HIM FOR ALL HIS HELP & GENEROUSITY UNTIL ONE DAY WITH THE HELP OF ROGER WITTMAN I BROUGHT HOME A JD4020. WHEN OLE BOB FOUND OUT HE CAME OVER & LOOKED THAT TRACTOR OVER , CLOSED ONE EYE & SAID HE ALWAYS WANTED TO OWN A 4020, EVEN AS A KID! I KEPT THAT TRACTOR FOR ALMOST A YEAR KNOWING IT WAS TO BIG FOR THIS WANT ABEE'S FARM SO I OFFERED IT TO OLE BOB. ALICE BEING THE SENSEIBLE ONE SAID WHAT WOULD HE DO WITH ANOTHER TRACTOR ANYWAY,HE DOESN'T NEED IT. NOT SURE HOW HE SMOUSSED HER BUT HE BOUGHT IT 2 WEEKS LATER. HE TOLD ME AGAIN WITH THAT ONE EYE THING, ALWAYS WANTED ON OF THESE ! WHAT A SMILE HE

HAD ON HIS FACE THAT DAY. I FINALLLY WAS ABLE TO DO SOMETHIING IN RETURN FOR A FRIEND WHO HAD DONE SO MUCH FOR ME.

WE WILL MISS HIM & HIS SINCE OF HUMOR.

SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

THE HICKS FAMILY

BRIAN & BARB HICKS - March 09, 2020 at 04:36 PM

JF

“ *Jim and Deb Small and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert L. Wittman.*



Jim and Deb Small and Family - March 09, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert L. Wittman.*



March 09, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert L. Wittman.*



March 08, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. Wittman.*



March 08, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert L. Wittman.*



March 08, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Robert L. Wittman.*



March 07, 2020 at 01:41 PM

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“ *Sheila Foster lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Wittman*



Sheila Foster - March 06, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert L. Wittman.*



March 06, 2020 at 08:09 PM