



Alex J. O'Connor

February 17, 1917 - December 11, 2016

Alex J. O'Connor, 99, of Irwin passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at Presence Heritage Village in Kankakee. He was born on February 17, 1917 in Irwin, the son of William M. and Catherine (Donovan) O'Connor. Alex married Lorene Mary Rabideau on June 15, 1940 at St. Margaret Mary in Herscher. She preceded him in death on June 21, 2008.

Alex was a lifelong farmer in the Irwin area. He had also worked at Armour Pharmaceutical, AO Smith, Kroehlers and Ed Taron Construction. Alex had dual-citizenship of the USA and Ireland. He was a member of St. James Church in Irwin.

He is survived by five sons Terrence John (Joy) O'Connor of Vernon Hills, G. Michael (Heeja) O'Connor of Glenview, Daniel L. (Janice) O'Connor of Bourbonnais, John Alex (Diane) O'Connor of Bourbonnais and Timothy Kelly O'Connor of Irwin; one daughter Sheila Joyce Patras of Orland Park; one brother Gerald "Jiggs" O'Connor of Kankakee; one sister-in-law Rita O'Connor of Irwin; fourteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mary Margaret Ducat, brothers Bernard, Paul "Babe", James, Frank and William O'Connor and one grandson Todd O'Connor.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 9:30am until the 11:00am Mass at St. James Church in Irwin. Burial will follow at St. James Cemetery in Irwin. Rev. Douglas Hauber and Rev. Vern Arseneau will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, masses would be appreciated. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery in Irwin

Irwin, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church in Irwin
4372 Main St.
Irwin, IL 60901

Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Irwin, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

GB

“ I cherish memories of the Irish celebrations and songs being sung together. The stories of plowing the fields with his horses. The love between Lorene and Alex. Also the love for both of them by their children. I will miss you Alex and say hello to Lorene.

Gloria Bydalek - December 16, 2016 at 08:08 PM

BH

“ Alex's family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bertha Howisen - December 15, 2016 at 09:32 PM

MD

“ Prayers for the family.



Maureen Downs - December 15, 2016 at 07:56 PM

MB

Rest In Peace Alex. Thoughts & prayers for the family. Margaret Black

Margaret Black - December 15, 2016 at 08:07 PM

DO

“ Diana O'Connor-Murtaugh lit a candle in memory of Alex J. O'Connor



Diana O'Connor-Murtaugh - December 14, 2016 at 11:57 AM

SJ

“ Tim, I send my sympathy to you, I seen you and Dad so often, lunches, dinners, then later visits to Dad in the worst of weather off to Heritage Village you'd go. You never let him be alone. I admire that love so much. For your Alex. May he rest in eternal peace..



Sue Jensen - December 13, 2016 at 09:06 PM

RR

“ Sorry for your loss.
Ron Ramsey



Ron Ramsey - December 13, 2016 at 05:45 PM

CF

“ Phyllis Carson and Family have lit a candle in memory of Alex



Carson Family - December 13, 2016 at 11:28 AM

DW

“ Our sympathy to Jiggs and all of Alex's family. Donna (Tobenski) & Merlyn Witheft

Donna (Tobenski) Witheft - December 13, 2016 at 11:16 AM

MN

“ *A wonderful, strong, funny, and happy man, we will miss you Alex, our loss is heaven's gain. I really enjoyed hearing the stories Alex told of my Grandpa Leo along with my Uncle Leo and my mom Dorothy when they lived near him in Irwin.*

Michael Niesen - December 13, 2016 at 10:40 AM

DK

John and Diane, we were sorry to hear of your loss. Keeping you and all of your family in thought & prayer. The Kronika family.

Dianne Kronika - December 15, 2016 at 01:27 PM

MN

“ *Michael Niesen lit a candle in memory of Alex J. O'Connor*



Michael Niesen - December 13, 2016 at 10:35 AM