



Bernard Surprenant

October 27, 1922 - April 10, 2005

Bernard V. Surprenant, 82, of Beecher, died Sunday (April 10, 2005) at Provena Heritage Village, Kankakee. Memorial visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. Wednesday until the 10 a.m. celebration of the memorial Mass at St. George Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. George Cemetery. Memorials may be made for Masses. Mr. Surprenant was a lifelong farmer in Beecher/Kankakee and worked for 19 years at Staffer Chemical in Chicago Heights. He was born Oct. 27, 1922, in St. George, the son of Amedee and Rose Elda Senesac Surprenant. His wife, the former Martha Copeland, whom he married Nov. 4, 1945, died March 16, 2005. Surviving are one son, James Surprenant of Beecher; one grandson, Jakob Kregel of Beecher; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and Bill Leber and Clair and Leon Slovikoski, all of Bradley. One daughter, Phyllis A. Surprenant; three sisters, Phyllis Surprenant, Lillian Provacher, Helen Ruel; and one brother, Lawrence Surprenant, are deceased. Mr. Surprenant was a member of St. Liborius Church in Steger. He enjoyed farming. He also collected antique "Massey Harris" tractors.

Tribute Wall



“ SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. BERNIE ALWAYS DROVE THE TRACTORS FOR MY DAD IN ALL THE TRACTOR PULLS. YRS AGO ¶½MY DAD, GILBERT LAWRENCE WAS A MASSEY FERGUSON DEALER IN CRETE. SINCE A DEALER WASNT SUPPOSED TO HAVE A NEW TRACTOR IN THE PULLS, THOSE TWO ALWAYS SAID THE TRACTOR WAS BERNIES, TO GET AROUND THE RULES. ONE OF MY DADS HAPPIEST TIMES WAS WHEN THEY ACTUALLY GOT TO THE STATE FINALS IN SPRINGFIELD. MANY FOND CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF GOING FROM FAIR TO FAIR WITH THOSE TWO. I HOPE YOU HAVE SOME TOO ¶½THANK YOU##imported-begin##CHUCK & JUDI LAWRENCE##imported-end##

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