



Donald O'Connor

December 21, 1913 - September 25, 2007

Donald O'Connor -- Irwin Visitation for Donald M. O'Connor, 93, of Irwin, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. James Catholic Church in Irwin. Rev. Ronald Hart will officiate. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to the family wishes or for Masses. He died Tuesday (Sept. 25, 2007) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Mr. O'Connor was an Irwin area farmer and sold DeKalb Seed Corn from 1940-2006. He was also the mayor of Irwin from 1969-2005. He was born Dec. 21, 1913, in rural Irwin, the son of Maurice and Anna Berns O'Connor. He was a 1930 graduate of St. Patrick High School and was a musician in several area bands. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Irwin, where he was a member of the Holy Name Society. He was a trustee on the village board in 1945, an auditor on the Otto Township board from 1959-2001 and a member of the St. James Cemetery board since 1979. He was an Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committeeman, a member of the Farm Bureau, Knights of Columbus, Regional Planning Commission and the Irwin Lions Club. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Anne Sullivan, whom he married Dec. 29, 1937, at St. James Catholic Church in Irwin; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Tom R. O'Connor, Gene O'Connor, Dave and Martha O'Connor, and Pat and Rose O'Connor, all of Irwin, Theresa O'Connor of Kankakee; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Maureen and Tom L. O'Connor of Bourbonnais, Virginia and Leonell Fritz of St. Charles, Kathy

O'Connor of Irwin; 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruby Hillary of Kankakee, Louise Borschnack of Irwin; and two brothers -in-law, Gene (Collette) Sullivan of St. Anne, and Tom Sullivan of Kankakee. Deceased are one son, Donald; one great-grandson, Joseph Barrett; and two sisters, Myrtle Ninis and Marie Murphy.

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“ Aunt Mary Anne and family... ĩ½ĩ½Uncle Don was a role model for everyone who knew him... ĩ½a leader in so many, many ways. ĩ½ĩ½His was a life well-lived and we will remember him with fondness every day. ĩ½The example he set for all who knew him is his legacy. ĩ½I (Lois) am so happy that I had a chance to see him last week. ĩ½You are in our thoughts and prayers. ĩ½Love, ĩ½John and Lois Dittrich ĩ½###imported-begin##John and Lois Dittrich###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. ĩ½Uncle Don was a great man, led a wonderful life, had a loving and supporting family, and leaves an amazing legacy. ĩ½All of us will miss him very much. ĩ½We were extremely fortunate to have him as a part of our lives.

Love,

Teresa###imported-begin##Teresa Warman###imported-end##

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“ Dear Sissy and family,

I spent the weekend with Sam and he informed me of your loss. My thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family all weekend. Herscher and Irwin are filled with such wonderful memories and family traditions for both of our families. You have my sympathy during this time of great sadness.

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“ We met Don, Mary Anne, Tom, Gene and Kathy in May of 2006. Shannon is the daughter of Leta O'Connor McCormick and the granddaughter of Len (Slim) and Vi O'Connor. ĩ½The entire family welcomed us into their home and although we had never met, the family connection was instant and wonderful. The family shared with us O'Connor and Irwin history. Don was so sweet and looked so much like Papa Len who passed in 1994. Don's life was so active and generous and we are honored to have met him. Our sincere condolences to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Shannon & Benjamin##imported-begin##Benjamin & Shannon Girlando##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. O'Connor & Kathy and Family.

I am sorry to hear about your husband/father's death. ĩ½You have my sympathy. ĩ½

I was a friend to Kathy through high school and just want to let you know I am thinking of you and you and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Cindy Martin##imported-end##

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“ Please extend our sympathy to the family. ĩ½Don was a wonderful man.##imported-begin##Charlie & Mary Denault##imported-end##

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